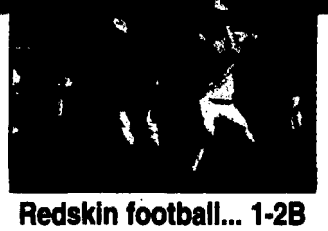




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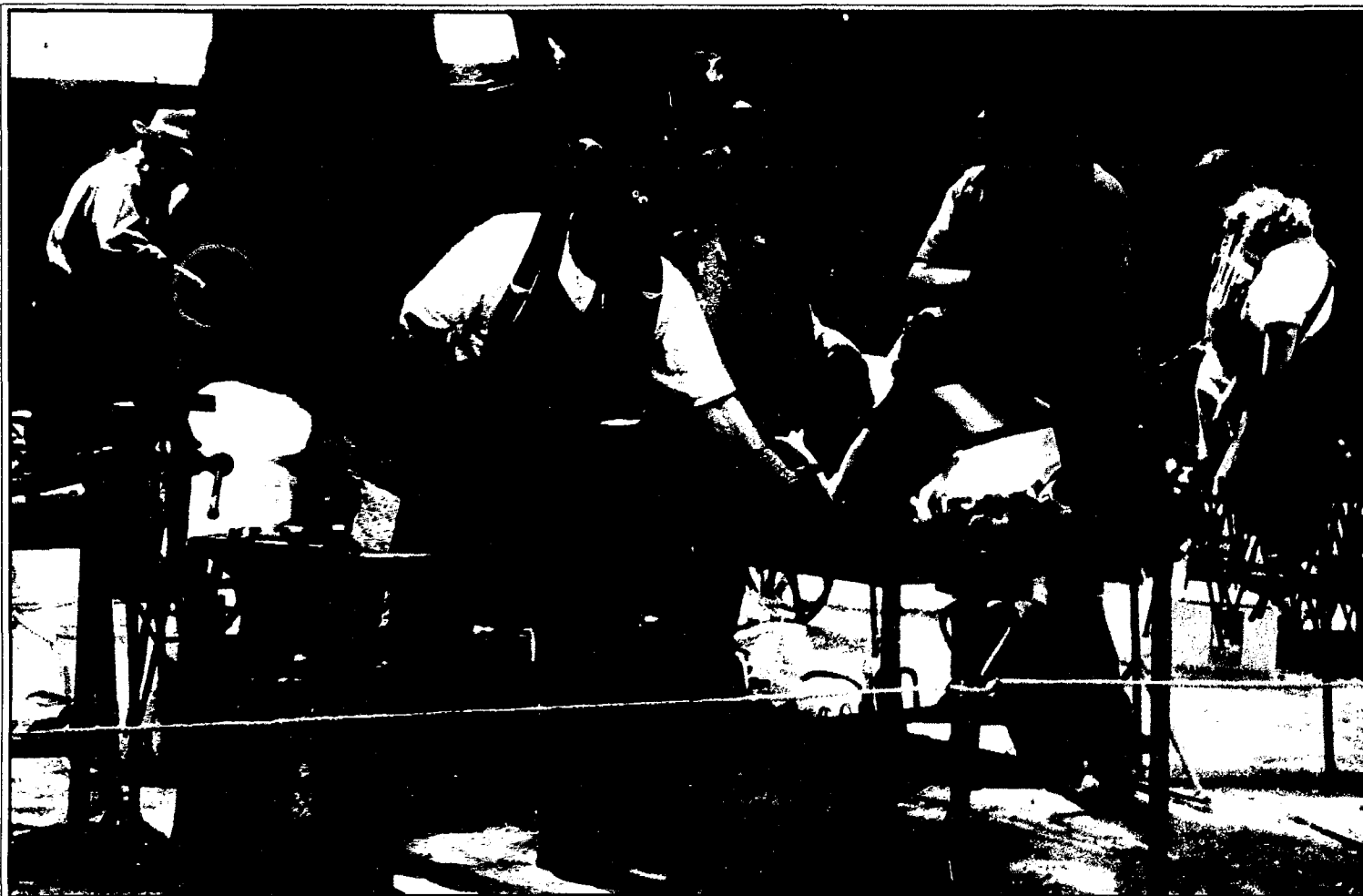


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HARTWICK PINES FESTIVAL — Hartwick Pines State Park hosted its annual "Black Iron Days" festival on the weekend of August 28-29. The event featured numerous blacksmiths, in addition to other craftsmen. Festival-goers could cut and stamp their own souvenir wooden nickels with tools used in the old logging days, and check out the many booths containing handmade craft items. Park museums were also open to spectators. For more about Black Iron Days, please see Page 5B.

Frederic Township dog shooting case reveals no foul play

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A concerned Frederic Township man shot a dog one or two days after he found it severely injured

and after several attempts to approach the dog were unsuccessful.

According to Crawford County Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield,

Deputy Tom Coors received a call from Frederic Township Zoning Ordinance Officer Michael Girard mid-morning Thursday, August 26 concerning the dog's death. Upon the deputy's arrival at the Township Hall, he was told that Barry Mertes found the dog, whose owner is not known, severely injured on his property.

Coors' report included Mertes statement that he shot the dog after a day-and-a-half to two days of watching and listening to it suffer and wanted to put the dog out of its

misery. How, when, and where the dog sustained the injuries is unknown and the type of injuries were not specified, nor was the dog's breed identified in the report.

Mertes brought the deceased dog to the Township Hall to report what happened and for possible identification.

Sheriff's Captain Art Clough, who was also on duty that day, confirmed the report. Undersheriff Wakefield said, "At this point in the investigation, no foul play has been indicated."

County Board considers hiring animal control officer

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

As calls to the Crawford County Sheriff's office and Central Dispatch concerning animal control problems increase, Sheriff David Lovely grows more concerned that too much of his deputies' time is taken up by these complaints.

Lovely approached the Law Enforcement Committee recently and asked members to consider the hiring of an animal control officer, at least on a part-time basis. The big question facing the board is how the position would be funded.

The sheriff discussed the possibility of changing the current ordinance for animal nuisance violations from misdemeanors to civil infractions. "The prosecutor and judge will prosecute and charge under the ordinance," Lovely said. "The fines could be a source of income."

Lovely also suggested starting a dialogue with the townships and the Grayling City Council concerning the situation. "Maybe it's possible for all of them to go in on the cost of an animal control officer," he said.

Commissioner Scott Hanson commented that animal control is a county responsibility. "I can't see having the townships pay for this," he said.

The committee discussed the possibility of taking an animal census to capture more in license fees. Members said they feel many pet owners fail to comply with the dog and cat license law each year, denying the County revenue that would help offset the mounting cost of animal control.

Recommendation was made and the full Board agreed at their last meeting to have County Controller Paul Compo investigate the feasibility of the development of a county animal control officer position.

Frederic to form Park Advisory Board

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Frederic Township Board is currently looking for volunteers to serve on a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, which would provide suggestions for improvements to the Township Board.

"We'd like people to volunteer, obviously this wouldn't be a paid position," said Frederic Township Clerk Nancy Bindschattel. "We want to get input and ideas for the park."

Last week, a new chain-link fence was installed all the way around the township park. The board has also mentioned the possibility of putting in asphalt walkways for roller blading and biking in the park, and is considering other improvements.

Anyone interested in serving on the Frederic Parks and Recreation Advisory Board should contact Nancy Bindschattel at the Frederic Township Hall at (517) 348-8778.

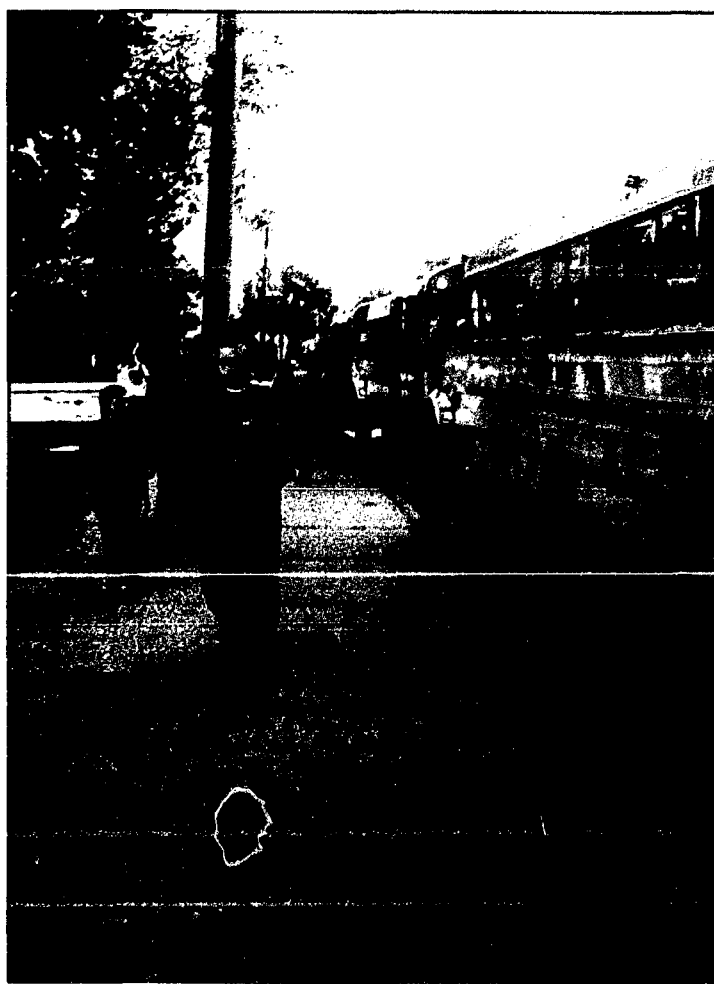


Photo by Cheryll Ruley

BACK TO SCHOOL — These kids arrived with backpacks full of new school supplies and stomachs full of butterflies as they headed to Grayling Middle School for classes.

Library Board survives audit

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting on August 27 with the Crawford County Library Board to discuss the results of an audit performed by Anderson, Tackman & Co., PLC.

Certified Public Accountant Marvin Henderson rendered his report to the two boards and all parties engaged in conversation regarding the findings and any changes recommended by the auditing firm.

Over the past month, ten questions or requests were formulated into a sort of wish list, however it wasn't apparent to anyone present where the questions originated from.

Henderson's first comment to those present was the library's financial records and those maintained by County Treasurer Joe Wakeley "were found to be significantly different." How "significantly" was not made clear.

"Tracie's (Compton) background is not in accounting, but in library science," Henderson said.

As of May 31, reconciliation was made of the library books to the Treasurer's accounts.

The auditor was asked to prepare an accounting procedure manual to assist the Crawford County Library

Director and Librarian Tracie Compton. Draft copies of that manual were forwarded to Compton, Wakeley and County Controller Paul Compo for their review and input. A final draft of the manual is expected in the near future.

Questions were raised as to video tape expenses because none were found on financial reports, although new videos were purchased for the library. It was discovered that these expenses were included in the category of Book Expenses. Compton agreed to use more specific classifications in future reports to allow the Library Board a better understanding of expenses.

The R.I.F. reading program (Reading Is Fundamental) was given a close look. What was originally a federally funded program is now run nationwide by local civic organizations. The Grayling Kiwanis have taken over all aspects except the actual ordering of books for this program.

Other minor discrepancies were discovered in the operation of the library and all were resolved.

Compton will attend a day-long training session called "Librarians Using Quik Books" in Lansing in a few weeks, at a cost of \$150, that will be taken from library funds.

Beaver Creek, Frederic just say 'no' to S.T.I.N.G.

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The last big drug bust, according to Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely, took place in Beaver Creek Township. But, the Beaver Creek Township Board, along with the Frederic Township Board, have opted to withhold their share of funding to S.T.I.N.G., the law enforcement agency responsible for netting \$865,000 in cash alone from the August 1998 drug bust.

Lovely said each township, as well as the City of Grayling, pays about \$1.10 per capita each year toward S.T.I.N.G., an arm of the Michigan State Police.

Sheriff Lovely said, "For the last two years I have had to take money out of D.A.R.E. funds to cover the loss of Beaver Creek funding." D.A.R.E. is a drug abuse prevention

program implemented in Crawford AuSable and other schools nationwide, funded primarily by grants and fund-raisers.

Crawford County Board Chair Lynnette Corlew asked the Sheriff, at a recent Law Enforcement Committee meeting, which areas of the county see the most stings or drug-related crimes. Lovely responded, "Frederic and Beaver Creek."

Lovely did say that the Frederic Township Board opted out this year because they are considering creating the position of a full time law enforcement officer for their citizens and would hold off further funding of S.T.I.N.G. until a decision is made.

According to Lovely, "Beaver Creek Township would rather spend their money on other things."

City adopts Community Improvement Authority

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council adopted a resolution on Monday, August 30, creating a "Community Improvement Authority," which is designed to bring about improvements in the downtown area with the creation of a nine-person board.

The CIA board would report to the City Council, and "make recommendations to the council for certain improvements," said Mayor Ralph Stevens, who first proposed the idea in July.

The city would be responsible for writing any grant applications, and any bonding would go through the

city as well, said Stevens.

The CIA board members will be appointed by the City Manager, with approval of the council. Once formed, the board will elect its own chairman and vice-chairman.

"I think this is at least a good start to getting some money put into the city," said Mayor Pro-Tem D.J. Brown.

Brown moved to adopt the resolution, and the council voted unanimously in favor of the proposal.

Stevens requested that City Manager Jerry Morford start compiling a list of potential CIA board candidates for discussion at the next council meeting.

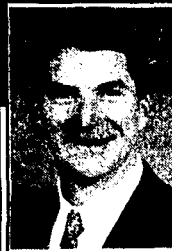
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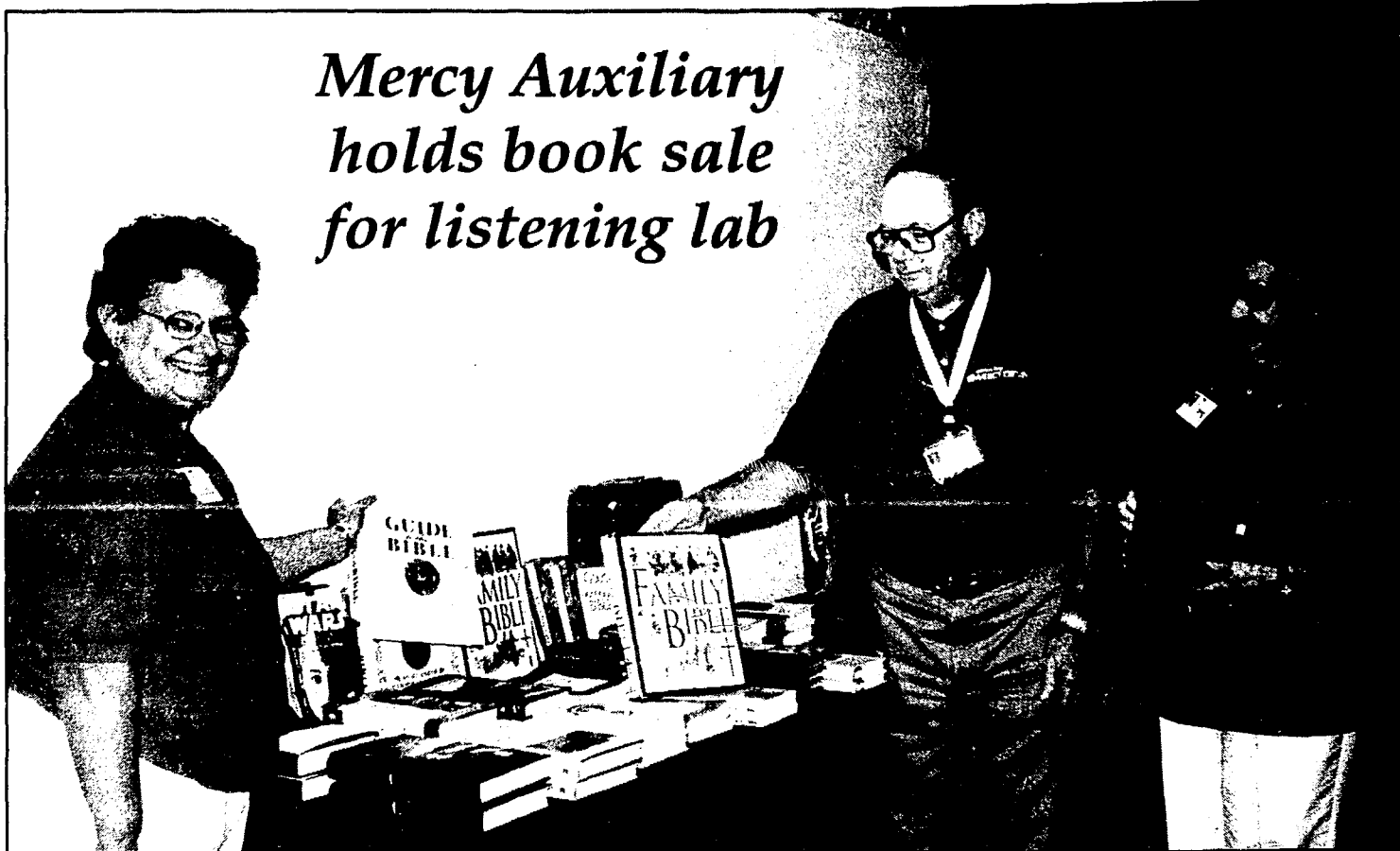


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HELPING IN THE HEALING PROCESS - (From left) Mary Kay Zienert, Ken Eldridge and Donna Renaud are members of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary and helped with last week's big book sale at the hospital. Money raised from the sale will help purchase CDs for the Listening Lab cart available for patients to borrow for relaxation and to aid in faster healing. The cart also carries individual CD players and "boom boxes" that can also be borrowed by patients and nurses stations.

1.5 million plan to travel over Labor Day holiday

The sizzling Michigan summer tourism season should end with a bang, leading to a robust fall tourism season, AAA Michigan predicts.

An estimated 1.5 million state residents plan to travel during the upcoming Labor Day holiday peri-

od, according to a recent survey. In addition, preliminary data suggests a substantial increase in planned fall color trips over last year.

The encouraging travel numbers exist in spite of higher gas prices (averaging \$1.27 as of August 17, about 20 cents more than last year). Four out of five travelers say that rising gas prices will have no impact on their travel plans for the weekend.

The upcoming Labor Day holiday should cap a summer of record tourism spending, meeting or exceeding AAA Michigan's prediction of four-percent growth. As many as four million Michiganiens were predicted to travel during the month of August alone.

Traffic reports from the Mackinac Bridge Authority also show increased travel for July, with new records for that month (726,400 vehicles crossed the bridge in July, an increase of 2.2 percent over 1998). Overall traffic on Big Mac for the first seven months of 1999 is up 1.4 percent over last year.

According a survey of 500 Michigan residents, even if bad weather were predicted, it would have little effect on Labor Day travel plans. Nearly three-quarters of the respondents said they would not consider cancelling a trip due to

bad weather. Major findings from the 1999 Labor Day Survey show:

- Eighty-eight percent of the trips planned will be inside the U.S., with 83 percent in excess of 100 miles;

- More than half of the trips will be inside Michigan (57 percent);

- Most of the Michigan Travel destinations will be in the lower peninsula (89 percent), and these are most likely to be in the Northwest (32 percent);

- Approximately 84 percent of all trips will be by car, truck or van.

Travelers' accommodations are distributed as follows: hotel/motel/resorts (27 percent), relatives (26 percent), rental cottages (14 percent), and trailer/RV camping (12 percent).

Based on requests received for tour books and routing maps at AAA Michigan offices, the top five

summer driving destinations are: 1. Frankenmuth; 2. Traverse City; 3. Mackinaw City/Mackinac Island; 4. Mount Pleasant; 5. Sault Ste. Marie.

The official 78-hour Labor Day holiday period begins at 6 p.m. Friday, September 3 and runs to midnight Monday, September 6.

During last year's Labor Day holiday period, 19 people died in 18 crashes on roads across the state. That was up from the 1997 holiday, when 16 people died in 12 crashes.

Eight of last year's fatal crashes were alcohol-related, and safety restraints were not used by 73 percent of the victims who had belts available. To reduce these numbers this Labor Day holiday, all drivers are urged to use safety belts, avoid alcohol, stay alert at the wheel and observe all traffic laws.

Emergency Management, military plan mock civil disturbance

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The 46th Brigade of the Michigan National Guard and members of Crawford County Emergency Management are planning to conduct an exercise simulating a civil disturbance to test their joint preparedness in case of such an event.

The exercise will take place at the Georgia Pacific Resin Plant on West Four Mile Road on Saturday, September 11 beginning at 1 p.m., and will conclude sometime that evening.

"The military asked us to participate in the exercise simulating a chemical spill due to a Y2K failure

at the Georgia Pacific Resin Plant," said Larry Akers, Director of Crawford County Emergency Management. "There is a possibility that any Y2K glitch could cause a civil unrest situation. We would like to be ready to handle such an event."

Akers said the possibility of such a disaster appears very remote, but a handful of County employees and about 100 members of the 46th Brigade will practice what they consider an important preventive measure.

Barricades will be placed along the road for the safety of the participants, however no travel in the area will be disrupted.

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Supervisor Wright wins national leadership award

The National Center of Small Communities (NCSC) has announced that Terry Wright, township supervisor for Grayling Township, has been named a recipient of the American Hometown Leadership Award for outstanding leadership of America's smaller communities.

Wal-Mart Corporation, the award's co-sponsor, will be presenting the township an economic development grant of \$1,000 in Wright's honor.

Tom Halicki, executive director of NCSC said of Wright, "Terry Wright and the other winners of the American Hometown Leadership Award have demonstrated not only

outstanding leadership qualities, but also the creativity and initiative needed to bring a measure of excellence to their work. Wright's ability to envision great things for Grayling Township, and his ability to translate that vision into action, makes him deserving of our highest honor."

The American Hometown Leadership Award recognizes outstanding civic accomplishments by elected officials who serve in a community with a population of 25,000 or fewer. Wright was nominated for the award for his efforts in township clean-up and recycling.

The Wal-Mart economic develop-

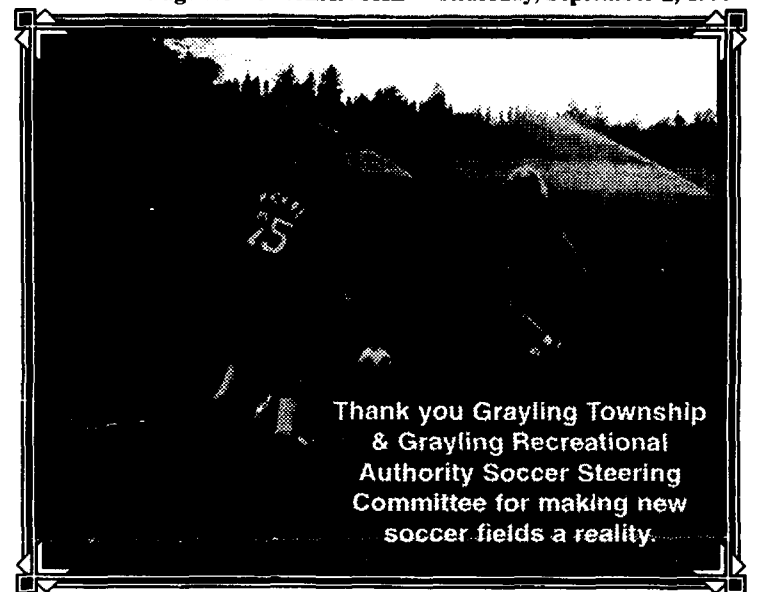
ment grant is earmarked for community improvement projects to help boost the economic vitality of Grayling Township. Wal-Mart awards more than \$2 million annually in economic grants to support local efforts to attract new business.

"I'm thrilled to be recognized with this award," Wright said, "but I really don't think I've done anything that isn't what I'm expected to do as part of the job. My board has allowed me to designate the grant money toward a road construction project we're working on which will allow new business and industry to locate in the township. We're trying to bring in some quality companies

that will provide quality jobs."

Wal-Mart's traditional customer base is comprised of small communities throughout America. The NCSC is the only national, non-profit organization devoted to serving the leaders of America's small communities. Together, the two have developed a mission to provide small town decision-makers with the tools to govern effectively and the skills to expand local economies, protect natural resources and preserve community character.

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Thank you Grayling Township & Grayling Recreational Authority Soccer Steering Committee for making new soccer fields a reality.

Historically speaking....



50 YEARS -- Camp AuSable, operated by the Seventh Day Adventist Church, celebrated its 50th anniversary in August. Look for a detailed history of the camp in next year's Historic Edition, a supplemental section in *The Crawford County Avalanche*.

Fish hatchery grounds now asbestos-free

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A pipe containing asbestos discovered near the white building on the grounds of the Grayling Fish Hatchery was removed recently at no cost to Crawford County.

The discovery of the tainted pipe was made during a tour last spring of the grounds and the white build-

ing by members of Fish Hatchery Restoration Project Steering Committee.

"There were some very concerned individuals out there that wanted to see something done about the pipe," said County Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill. "We wanted to put their minds at ease."

Merrill said that after the discovery, measures were taken to cordon off the area around the pipe to keep people away from any danger, however slight. "Unless asbestos is disturbed and the fibers become airborne then inhaled, there is miniscule possibility of harm to anyone."

According to Merrill's observations, the asbestos-tainted pipe had not been disturbed prior to its removal.

"The pipe was cut in half and removed to the landfill for lawful disposal," Merrill said.

After some research, Merrill discovered the State of Michigan was responsible for its placement back when it owned the hatchery. State officials confirmed, the fact and Jerry Casey, DNR Fisheries Technician Supervisor performed the removal according to code.

"Jerry Casey was really good to work with and quickly took care of the problem," said Merrill.

City Council re-appoints board members

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

On Monday, August 30, the Grayling City Council made three re-appointments, filling board vacancies on the Housing Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Joe Murphy and John Cherven were re-appointed to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals, both for terms lasting three years.

John Dobry was re-appointed to a five year term on the Housing Commission.

The city will also have to address a vacancy on the Compensation Commission, since board member Larry McNamara has decided not to return, said Mayor Ralph Stevens.

Anyone interested in serving on the Compensation Commission should contact any council member or Grayling City Hall.



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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

School! Vouchers! Pay attention! Vote!

AS IF THE POLITICAL plate will not be full enough for voters in Michigan's 2000 election, they also must settle the battle of the exclamation points.

The 2000 election will pit the determined forces of "Kids First! Yes!" against the equally determined campaigners of "All Kids! First!"

The decision really should be easy.

KFY or AKF -- it doesn't much matter. Whichever side wins the election, kids will come out on top -- at least according to the dueling slogans which have almost sewed up the market on exclamation points.

It's not that simple, of course. It's really all about school vouchers ... chits for taxpayer money from the state to the student, using public money to pay for education at non-public schools.

Vouchers will break down the wall between church and state, and will ruin public education by taking away vital state tax support, claim the anti-vouchers.

Nonsense, reply pro-vouchers: they will rescue kids now mired in bad schools, and will force all public schools to do a better job: vouchers won't cripple public education, they will improve it.

And so it goes.

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STRONG FORCES are lined up in this struggle for dollars and principle, which could wind up spending up to \$10 million overall before the campaign struggle is over.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Michigan Catholic Conference are in the forefront of the pro-voucher move.

On the other side are the Michigan Education Association, Michigan Association of School Boards, American Civil Liberties Union and League of Women Voters.

As the campaign comes more into focus, other interest groups may choose one side or the other.

Gov. John Engler -- usually not one to stand on the sideline in any confrontational social or political issue -- so far has declared hands off. That, too, may change.

Mr. Engler to date has been strong for school choice. Pro-vouchers have started their drive to collect within six months 302,711 valid signatures on citizen petitions to put the question on the 2000 election ballot.

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WORDING OF the ballot proposal, only recently approved officially, provides that vouchers would be available automatically to students in districts that grad-

uated less than two-thirds of their students in 1998-99. Vouchers also would be available in other districts if local school boards request them, or if a public vote approves them.

Under present conditions, value of the voucher is figured about \$3,100 per student.

Lurking directly behind the front lines is what used to be called parochialism -- public taxpayer money going to private and church-operated local schools.

In 1970 Michigan voters outlawed public funds for private schools. The 2000 vote could change that.

Although the 1970 campaign was spirited, the vote against public aid to private schools or students was convincing, 1,416,838 against and 1,078,740 in favor ... an edge of 338,000 votes.

But much water has gone under the dam since 1970 when parochialism lost, and retired Gov. Bill Milliken was winning his first election-on-his-own as governor, beating now U.S. Rep. Sander Levin by only 45,000 votes.

Maybe the sentiment about vouchers has changed. They are in place one way or another in several other states and cities.

* * *

THEN THERE'S the very real question of whether

vouchers will pass muster with federal courts.

In Cleveland, an experimental voucher plan has been in effect four years with about 4,000 students taking part.

A week or so ago, a federal judge at first suspended the Cleveland plan, then decided to permit present students to continue with vouchers but no new students are allowed.

He said the ruling is good for this semester, of until a pending case decides if vouchers violate constitutional provisions on separation of church and states.

The Michigan voucher plan, if adopted, could face a similar fate.

Folks in Michigan will have opportunity to learn lots more about vouchers in the next year or so. The campaign din may even drown out the presidential, congressional and state races.

Whatever happens, here's some good advice:

Citizens! Vouchers! Learn! Vote!

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

Federal labor policy: Is the fog lifting?

by Reed Larson, President
National Right to Work
Committee

For more than six decades, Congress tried to hide its central role in creating the problem of compulsory unionism in the 1935 National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) and denied it had any responsibility to correct its mistake.

But on this Labor Day weekend, with the Twentieth Century drawing to a close, the fog appears to be lifting on Capitol Hill.

U.S. Rep. Peter Hoekstra (R-Michigan) chairman of the House Education & the Workforce Committee's oversight panel, has expressed interest in launching a reexamination of federally-imposed compulsory unionism in his chamber.

Acting at Mr. Hoekstra's request, National Right to Work Committee representatives are now assembling evidence and a witness list for a possible House panel hearing on forced union dues and the problems associated with them.

I am confident that a hearing like the one now being considered would help mobilize the already widespread public support for removing the NLRA and Railway Labor Act (RLA) provisions that authorize the firing of workers for refusal to pay

dues or so-called "agency fees" to a union.

Currently, under these two laws eight million American workers must fork over to Big Labor an average of more than \$600 apiece every year simply to keep their jobs.

The fact is, poll after poll shows that nearly 80% of citizens agree no employee should be forced to affiliate with a union. For decades, Big Labor has understood that forced unionism is politically indefensible and made only sporadic, pro forma efforts to justify it in principle.

Nonetheless, over the years many elected officials who have been the union bosses' targets, including generation of leaders of the Republican Party in Congress, have lacked the political will to attack this Achilles' heel.

Time and time again, members of Congress have complained about union officials' use of billions of dollars in compulsory-dues money for partisan politicking -- without acknowledging that it was Congress that put the money in union political operatives' hands.

Fortunately, Mr. Hoekstra's evident interest in holding a hearing on forced unionism isn't the only recent sign that the House may at last be ready for a real debate over this issue.

When Congress' late-summer recess began last month, 128 House members, including well over half the GOP caucus, had already sponsored a bill, authored by Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Virginia), that would repeal federally-imposed forced union dues.

Moreover, nearly 40 of these members had already written House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-Illinois) to urge him to bring Mr. Goodlatte's National Right to Work Act to the floor for a recorded vote.

And during a heart-to-heart talk in June with representatives of grass-roots groups in Washington, D.C., Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R-Texas) stressed the need for opponents of the pro-forced unionism Clinton Administration to "mature issues and break out of the fog."

That is precisely why Right to Work members around the country are eager for the entire House to vote on the Right to Work Bill as soon as possible, even though, because of Big Labor's forces dues-fetted clout in Congress, it will be an uphill battle to pass the bill this year or next.

No major change happens overnight. The Reagan-era tax cuts and tax indexation and the welfare reform of 1996 are examples of efforts that took years to come to

fruition.

But a vote on the Goodlatte bill now would at a minimum break up the Inside-the-Beltway "fog" that impedes pro-Right to Work constituents' efforts to find out where their elected officials stand.

And Mr. Hoekstra and his oversight panel can help by exposing the flimsiness of the rationale, offered by many union-label congressmen, that workers are forced to pay dues "for their own good."

Millions of American workers are not helped, but seriously harmed, when Congress forces them to accept a union as their so-called "exclusive representative" and to bankroll it.

For example, according to LRA's Economic Notes, a newsletter put out by a New York-based consulting firm whose client list includes many union officials, last year Big Labor -- "represented" manufacturing workers were nearly four times as likely to be laid off as self-represented manufacturing workers.

The best person to judge whether union activities benefit an individual worker is the worker himself -- and federal law ought to reflect that fact.

Most Americans have recognized this for a long time. The good news this Labor Day is that Congress may finally be about to catch up.

EDITOR

Support locally owned business

To the editor,

Something disturbing has come to my attention and for the first time I feel the need to write and express my concern on the subject.

A family owned video store is considering closing its doors. I can only surmise that this is a direct result of the opening of a new large chain video store that wouldn't give a rip about this town on a bet. I understand that it may be franchise owned, but I still feel that if the home office thought it was in their best interest to pull out of our fine town, that would be it.

On the other hand, over the past year or so, I have gotten to know the owners of the family owned store and I can easily say that they are interested in our growth as a com-

munity. They are so active in our town, on so many levels (i.e. schools, county fair, etc.). Not to mention the fact that their business improved a building that sat vacant and an eyesore for a very long time. It would be a shame to lose this business, and an entrepreneur that cares so much, to a "super chain" that is only in it for the money.

Residents of Crawford County please show your support for our local community businesses before more of them close up. If you don't, there won't be any need for a Grayling Downtown District Association, because there won't be a Downtown Grayling.

Robert Gilbert
Grayling

Cats should be restricted and licensed like dogs

To the editor,

I don't know about other sections of Grayling, but in the Elementary School section of town, we have a cat problem.

We have a dog. She is licensed and kept in the house or on a leash in our yard. She is not allowed to run loose to be a nuisance in the neighborhood!

I wish I could say the same about the cats in this area. I can easily identify six that are in our yard everyday, patrolling our squirrel and bird feeders, no matter how many times we chase them away. On some days there are others that show up.

We like to feed and watch the squirrels and birds, but the cats make it difficult. During the last

two years every baby squirrel has disappeared within two days of leaving the nest. Baby birds are doing the same. I cannot count the number of remains that have shown up in the yard.

I have no objection to people having the pet of their choice, but a true pet is kept home and cared for. It is not turned loose to prey on wild birds, squirrels, rabbits or to be a problem to people.

If cats aren't kept home, then it is past time for the City Council to make them subject to the same laws that cover dogs, including licensing. Maybe this could be a way to get more money to run the animal shelter.

Arthur R. Thayer
Grayling

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.,
Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Dept. No. 10, which covers a ten county area. If you have any questions you would like answered in this column, please send them to: Health Education Department, in care of your local Health Department.

Question: My friend buys groceries then drives all over town with perishable items in the car, sometimes for hours. Is this safe to do when the weather is warm?

Signed: Warm weather worrier

Answer: No! In the summertime, foods can quickly reach the danger zone (the temperature between 40 and 140 degrees where bacteria multiply rapidly) so they must be

handled, transported and stored properly.

Let's begin with the grocery store. When purchasing foods, choose perishable items and frozen items at the last minute before checking out. When placing raw meats and poultry in the cart, be careful not to let meat juices drip onto other groceries, especially raw fruits and vegetables or cooked foods.

In the deli section don't buy cooked items that touch raw items in the display case. Ask the bagger to put raw foods in bags that are separate from the produce and cooked foods. This will help avoid cross contamination.

When you reach your car, load perishable items inside the air conditioned passenger compartment, not in the trunk. If your drive home will be longer than thirty minutes or if you plan on making several stops, bring along a cooler with ice in it for the perishable foods.

When arriving home, unload perishable items first and immediately

refrigerate or freeze them. If the store wrap on meats and poultry is clean and intact, it should be left on to eliminate introducing bacteria into the meat. To store meats for a long time in the freezer (2-3 months) over wrap this packaging with foil or plastic wrap to prevent freezer burn.

Which meats should be frozen and which simply refrigerated? Ground meats and poultry that won't be used in one or two days should be frozen. Other meats can be stored in the refrigerator for 4-5 days. Then they should be frozen if still not used.

Don't stack foods either in the refrigerator or freezer. Stacking keeps the cold air from reaching the centers to chill item quickly. Wash hands before and after handling raw meat and poultry.

For more information on food safety, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline a 1-800-535-4555 or your local Health Department Environmental Health Office.

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AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every

other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

BRIEFS

Women's shelter needs volunteers

The River House Shelter is looking for volunteers to help women who are victims of domestic violence by assisting with phone calls and clerical work. Volunteers are needed Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Maria Klosowski, RSM at 348-3169 for more information about this and other volunteer positions.

Middle school schedules Open House

On Wednesday, September 8, beginning at 7 p.m., the Grayling Middle School will be hosting an Open House for seventh and eighth grade students and parents.

Campground to host 'Mini Pow Wow'

The Paddle Brave Campground and Canoe Livery, located at 10610 Steckert Bridge Road in Crawford County, will be hosting a Mini Pow Wow on September 11-12. The event will start at 10 a.m. on both days and will continue throughout the day. The Pow Wow, a charity fundraiser, will feature Native American dancing and storytelling, among other attractions. Admission to the event is \$4.50/adult, \$2/child. For more information call (517) 275-5273.

Retired state employees to meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held Tuesday, September 7 at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

Free square dancing lesson offered

Couples can learn how to strut their stuff, with the first week of square dancing lesson free, at the Roscommon Community Center located in Roscommon. Square dancing lessons will be offered for a fee starting Monday, September 13, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Couples only, please. For more information, call Ed Preczewski at (517) 422-5648; Ruth Richardson at (517) 275-8283; or Richard Mansfield at (517) 348-8562.

Northern Singles host beach picnic

Northern Singles will host their final summer outing on the shores of Otsego Lake in Gaylord, Sunday, September 5 at 2 p.m.. Bring swimsuits, lawn chairs, hot dogs, a dish to pass, table service and beverage. Pavilion and fire pit will be available; boats are welcome; and participants are encouraged to bring their guitars for a sing-along. Games will be planned for kids, if there is any interest. Call (517) 732-3617 or 731-1376 with kids' ages and accompanying adults' names. Ideas, suggestions and offers of assistance are welcome, as well as input for singles activities in 1999-2000. There is a \$2.50 Otsego County Park admission fee. In case of inclement weather, call one of the numbers above for alternate plans.

Labor Day Mackinaw Bridge Walk to include MDA fund-raiser

This year, in conjunction with the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, volunteers will be assisting MDA in helping to "walk all over Muscular Dystrophy for good."

Volunteers will be at both ends of the Bridge and around the towns of St. Ignace and Mackinaw City with canisters to collect donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. These volunteers will be wearing official MDA T-shirts and hats, identifying them as being approved to

represent the association.

Funds raised will aid the ongoing research, extensive patient services, clinic, and summer camp programs in the North Central Michigan area.

"Donations of those who are fortunate enough to be able to walk the bridge will be greatly appreciated by those who, because of being affected by Muscular Dystrophy, cannot," said Tina Lewis MDA spokeswoman.

If you have any questions, please call MDA at (517) 792-4980.

Deadline draws near to enter art contest

The deadline for entering the Jesse Besser Museum's Annual Northeast Michigan Artists Juried Competition/Exhibition is fast approaching.

All artists, working in any media and residing in the following counties, are eligible: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Crawford, Iosco, Luce, Mackinac, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Presque Isle and Roscommon. Artists with summer homes in this area also eligible.

Entries will be juried by 35mm slides only. A maximum of five works may be submitted (one slide per work) by each artist, for a total, non-refundable entry fee of \$10. All slides must be at the Jesse Besser Museum no later than September 28, 1999.

Only original work is eligible -- "original" meaning not taken from

the works of other artists.

Works by senior citizens are eligible for any of the prizes.

There will be a First Place Cash Prize of \$500... a Second Place Cash Prize of \$250... and a Third Place Cash Prize of \$100. Two Honorable Mention Plaques and a Special Senior Citizen's Plaque will also be awarded. In addition, this year the Northeast Michigan Artists' Guild is offering a \$100 cash award in memory of Nicholas Zrolka.

All awards will be selected by this year's juror, Tara Munger, Director of Campus Arts Programs at Northwood University in Midland.

Entry forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting: Robert E. Haltiner, Jesse Besser Museum, 491 Johnson Street, Alpena, MI 49707.

Those interested in entering may also call (517) 356-2202.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

THAT'S GRRRRREAT! -- That's what Animal Shelter resident Spirit seems to be saying to Director Dixie Lobsinger after she received a \$250 donation from Rieth Riley Construction's Roscommon office manager Patti Schweitzer and area manager Tim O'Rourke. The company donated the same amount of money to the Roscommon shelter. Crawford County's animal shelter is currently bursting at the seams with dogs and cats, kittens and puppies in need of loving homes, so the donation will help pay for food and supplies for about a week.

Band Boosters announce second annual '1-1-1' gasoline fund-raiser

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters along with Fick & Sons, Inc. have joined up again to hold the Second Annual "Gas Up for the Viking Bands 1-1-1" fund-raiser.

One cent for every one gallon of gas sold on Labor Day at Charlie's Country Corners on Four Mile Road will go to help support the local school bands.

"It is a great fund-raiser for the students of the Grayling Viking Bands. They have no soliciting or physical effort to put into this one," said Band Boosters President Margaret Knapp.

Knapp said she contacted each and every gas station in the Grayling community last year and found out that local gas stations are owned by larger corporations and managed by local people.

"The managers were excited about the idea, but when I reached corporate headquarters, I heard basically the same thing," Knapp said. "Which was that they had given support to other groups and organi-

zations throughout the year and were unable to help our bands out with this fund-raiser.

"But, that was not the case with our locally-owned and operated company, Fick & Sons.

"I will make the same contacts with all the Grayling gas stations again this year," Knapp said. "It is my hope that more and more will come on board and support the Grayling Viking Bands."

Knapp concluded, saying, "By taking advantage of the tourist dollars spent, and with local support, the band boosters are hoping for another successful fund-raising event."

The staff of
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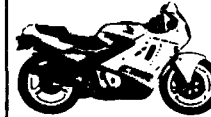
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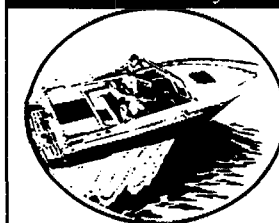
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THURS 2	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •BEYOND THE GARDEN WALL CLUB meeting at Michelson Memorial Church, 7 pm. For more info. call 348-7905. •AUSABLE VALLEY SNOWMOBILE Association meeting @ Grayling Holiday Inn, 7 pm. •MERCY AMICARE HOSPICE SERVICES Bereavement support group at St. Mary's Learning Center, 702 Peninsula 3-5 p. For more information call Mary Beth Dettling, 1-800-424-1457.
FRI 3	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 4	•HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE LABOR DAY WEEKEND!
SUN 5	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 6	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 7	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •GPA MEETING @ Shoppenagon's at 12 noon. •CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE COUNCIL meeting @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 12 noon. •AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Citizens Bank, 1 pm. •GRAYLING AL-ANON MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 p.m. Call Thelma H. 344-2043 for info.
WED 8	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in, 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary. 348-5306. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.

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EARLY DEADLINES

The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed Monday, September 6, for Labor Day, and will reopen at 9 am Tuesday, September 7. The deadline for display ads is Thursday September 2, 5 pm. News items, photographs and classified display ads must be turned in by noon Friday, September 3. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday, September 7, noon.

The Bible Speaks

Satanic Control of the World?

If Satan is gaining control of America as Paul Harvey implied, how will he gain control of the world? If I were Satan, I would gain control of the world system so I could bring in the antichrist. I would unite the economies of all countries so they would become interdependent upon each other. I would create a fragile monetary system which could easily collapse so I could create international monetary control. I would bring about the moral fall of national religious leaders to discredit conservative religions. I would unite the philosophies of liberal religious and political leaders to promote the same international values. I would unite all religions around common principles of morality to discredit the authority of any one religion. I would unite all cultures of the world by multicultural education. I would unite all the military forces of the world under one international organization and call them "peace keepers." I would disarm all the citizens of the world so international control could not be resisted. I would unite all the people of the world with an electronic system which would enable instant universal communication of ideas. I would use this system to unite all the world communication under one universal language. I would introduce security through personal microchips implanted within every human being. I would create distrust and

cynicism toward national governments by creating and exposing scandals. I would create an international hunger for one political leader who is wise, powerful, and cares about everything important to me. Then I would create an international crisis to implement full control.

(2 Thessalonians 2:3) "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;" (2 Thessalonians 2:8-12) "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming; [9] Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, [10] And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish: because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. [11] And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: [12] That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

The international control of Satan in the end days shall mimic the earlier control of this world by Satan. (Matthew 24:37-39) "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. [38] For as in the days that were

before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark. [39] And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

(1 John 2:18) "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists: whereby we know that it is that last time;" (Luke 21:8) "And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived; for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near; go ye not therefore after them." Trust only in Bible truth!

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelation each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice volunteer training scheduled this month

Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice will be holding Hospice Volunteer Training from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., September 22-23, at the Grayling Amicare Office, 125 Michigan Avenue.

Mercy Amicare Hospice provides in-home care for individuals in the last stages of a terminal illness. Mercy Amicare Hospice is certified to provide service through Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross and other insurances.

Volunteers are needed to assist a growing number of families in the Amicare service area which extends from Gaylord to West Branch, Houghton Lake and from Mio to Kalkaska. Volunteers are generally assigned to families

within the communities in which they reside.

Volunteers are an important part of the hospice interdisciplinary team which includes doctors, nurses, home health aides, social workers, and spiritual care/bereavement counselors available to patients 24 hours a day.

Volunteers are asked to donate from two to four hours per week assisting a family with activities that could include respite, errands, light homemaking or companionship and can also be involved in clerical work, fund raising, public speaking, bereavement and courier service.

The training program includes such topics as: communication skills, family dynamics, grief/loss support and body mechanics presented by a combination of hospice staff and guest speakers from the community.

"The information received in training proves beneficial to one's personal life as well as their volunteer activities," said Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator for Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice.

To register for the program or for more information, please contact Haag at (517) 348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457.

Catholic school plans annual fund-raiser

St. Mary Cathedral Schools in Gaylord is preparing for a "Journey to Oz" in their annual fund-raiser on September 25.

Tickets are available in advance for \$25 per person or \$50 per person at the door.

This magical evening will include

food, dancing, silent and live auctions, a "diamond corner" and other exciting activities.

Also, raffle tickets are still available for the 1999 Monte Carlo, all taxes included.

Call (517) 732-5448 for tickets or for more information.

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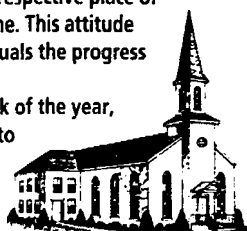
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During this week of Labor Day and each week of the year, may we observe a time to rest from our labors to praise God and meditate upon His Holy Word, for prayer with a purpose provides the strength for progress in the future.



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Pastor Jeffrey Jagers
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Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School - Sept. - May: 9:45 to 10:45
Sunday Radio Ministry: 8 am, 10:11 WQON
Coffee Fellowship: 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.): 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
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Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service: 9:30 am
Sabbath School: 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues: 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School: 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church: 11 am
Sunday Evening Service: 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting: 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class: 7 pm
Significant Singles Monday: 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School: 9:30 am
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Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children: 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament: 10 am
Sunday School: 11 am
Primary: 11 am
Priesthood: 12 noon
Relief Society: 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
Pastor, James Briney
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship: 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School: 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Morning Worship: 11 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday: 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Robert Faber
710 Spruce Street
348-5224
Sunday School: 9:15 am
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am
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Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Patricia Fowler
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.
P.O. Box 1188
Church School: 9:45 am
Preaching: 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer: 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Morning Worship: 11 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist

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Blessing Radio (Internet): <http://blessing-radio.com>

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School: 9:45 am
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Local funeral home changes hands after 23 years

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

After 23 years of ownership by Derek McEvers, the Sorenson Funeral Home has a new owner and director. Dean Meyering became the new Funeral Director and sole proprietor of the concern on June 17, upon McEvers' retirement.

Over the past few years, Meyering has worked for funeral homes in the Muskegon and Alpena areas and has other family members who work in the same profession. As a young adult, Meyering worked in the health care field, but did not find the same compassion in that work as when assisting families through the emotional process of funeral arrangements.

Staying on to assist Meyering is David Lashley, who has worked at Sorenson Funeral Home for 11 years. Lashley said he became interested in funeral services after his grandparents passed away and experienced the comforting acts of those involved in their funeral arrangements.

The pair agreed that the hardest part of their job is arranging funerals for children. "It's very tough on us as well," said Meyering, who has no children of his own, but is an uncle. "Unlike the passing of an elderly relative who may have suf-

fered a long illness, you are never prepared for the death of a child."

Lashley, who has small children, said they try to accommodate families through the loss of a child with special arrangements such as music or the placement in the casket of a stuffed animal or other item loved by the child.

Because the loss of a loved one is difficult no matter what the age of the deceased, Lashley said memory boxes, momentos and even kids' drawings can be included as part of burial services.

Help with the grieving process is also available through the funeral home. Meyering said they have networked with area churches and other groups to make sure the emotional needs of distraught family members are met.

The new director said he is very aware of the history of the business, which began in 1892 when the Sorenson brothers sold caskets at their furniture store, located where *The Avalanche* now does business. Meyering said he and Lashley will continue to provide the community with the same high quality services it has come to know over the years, serving all faiths and offering cremation services and assistance with monument orders.



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UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP — Dean Meyering (right) is the new owner and Funeral Director of Sorenson Funeral Home. David Lashley (left), an 11-year employee for the funeral home, will continue as assistant to the director.

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A new business relationship has been formed by Cindy Strong and Kathy Black in the field of computer services called Active Computers & Technologies.

Strong, formerly associated with Computer Services Company, and Black, a former Crawford County Commissioner, opened the business on Monday, August 26 in the Industrial Park area of Grayling.

"We are excited about all of the technology opportunities which are or will become available to business and private customers in the future," the partners agreed. "We wish to be at the forefront in offering those services to our customers."

The women intend to provide a full service approach to meeting the needs of both business and personal

users. "Whether it be a business computer networking situation or an individual who would like to have access to the Internet through a computer or other means, we will be able to help them," they said.

Active Computers & Technologies is located across the street from the Beal Plantation at 2342-D Industrial Drive, in the same building that houses AuSable Construction and Industrial Controls.

AT YOUR SERVICE - (Right) Cindy Strong and Kathy Black, owners of Active Computers & Technologies, opened for business last Monday in the Industrial Park. The partners hope to help their customers, both business and personal computer users, with all their high technology needs.



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North Central CMH adds Support Supervisor

Kerry Boyd, MSW, recently joined the North Central Community Mental Health staff as Supervisor of Adult Support

Services in Crawford and Roscommon Counties.

In his new position, Boyd is responsible for supervising Mental Illness Case Managers and Office Nurses, providing direct case management services and individual treatment, participating in the agency after-hours crisis response system, and supervising the Mental Illness Care Management daytime crisis response system in Crawford and Roscommon Counties.

The new supervisor's services will augment those of David Quilliam, MSW, SW, who continues as Supervisor of Adult Support Services for Wexford and

Missaukee Counties.

Boyd comes to North Central CMH from West Branch. He has 18 years of experience in the health care field, most recently having been an older adult and outpatient therapist with AuSable Valley Community Mental Health.

He has served as a social worker, home intervention therapist, foster care worker and youth home supervisor.

He brings to North Central CMH a strong practical and theoretical foundation in a variety of therapeutic and intervention models as well as proven management skills, NCCMH said.

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Skyline prepares for the future

► **Local ski park to add golf course, full service restaurant, and snowboard area**

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Skyline Ski Area, which came under new ownership last year, is currently undergoing some major changes and renovations for the upcoming ski season, and beyond.

In addition to the construction of two new ski runs and a terrain park for snowboarders, Skyline is building an 18-hole golf course, which will make the ski area a year-round attraction.

"We've started lot sales for the golf course," said Skyline owner Jerry Balmes. "Sales are taking off well. We've started construction, but we don't really know when it will be finished. There are a lot of variables."

The terrain park, which should be ready for this winter, will offer a variety of jumps for snowboarders to navigate, including "kickers" and "table tops." The terrain park will be tow rope serviced, and may also include a quarter pipe.

Snowboarding, which was previously not allowed at Skyline, is now welcome on all hills, said Balmes. The ski park now rents snowboarding equipment, in addition to skiing equipment.

"We've updated our rental department," said Balmes. "We now have a lot of newer boots, bindings, etc. We will also have snowboard rentals, from kids to adult sizes."

Skyline will be adding more lights to its hills to allow for increased night skiing opportunities, and will have a few cross country trails ready in time for the '99-00 ski season.

"We don't have rental (cross country) skis though," said Balmes. "But parents who like to cross country and have their own equipment are free to go on the trails while the kids go skiing and snowboarding. Once the golf course is completed, the trails will be a lot better."

The area is also adding an organized "ski patrol" to watch over the hills and trails this year.

The buildings at Skyline, including the lodge, have been renovated and are showing fresh coats of paint on the outside. On the inside, Skyline plans to offer a full service bar and restaurant, Balmes said.

"We're going to make it into a year-round restaurant and lounge," said Balmes. "We just found out that we were approved for our liquor license. Now we're in the process of building the bar and remodeling the kitchen."

The restaurant at Skyline will now offer a "full-service menu," said Balmes.

Previously, the ski park's kitchen served mainly snack foods like hot dogs and fries. Now, Balmes said, Skyline customers will have a wide variety of meals to choose from, including steaks, pizza, fish on Fridays, and ribs. He also plans to offer a salad bar.

The lounge and kitchen are now open from 12 noon to 12 midnight, 7 days a week, year round.

Balmes, who assumed owner-



(Above) Tom Balmes works on the outside of Skyline's lodge. Inside, the lodge will offer a full-service restaurant and bar.

ship of Skyline last November, said he has enjoyed the experience so far.

"I've had a good time this first season," he said. "I got to meet a lot of new people, and I even learned to ski."

"I had never skied before, and I figured if I was going to own a ski resort I ought to learn how to ski," he said, laughing. "When the golf course is completed, I might learn how to golf."

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The Crawford County Library will be holding a genealogy program at the Crawford County Courthouse, Thursday, September 9 at 7 p.m.

Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk and Register of Deeds will be the speaker. Mrs. Moore will discuss land records and other useful sources available at the county level for the searching genealogist.

A new publication at the Crawford County Library is *Genealogy and Local History Resources located in Northern Michigan Libraries, 1999*. It is a compilation of what is available in libraries across northern Michigan such as census records, newspapers, books and vertical files to aid in genealogy searching.

Beginning Your Genealogical Research: Guides and Forms to Get You Started is a new publication

from the Library of Michigan. It lists Michigan sources of proof, highlights of the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection, lists of books for beginners and resources available at the Library of Michigan.

For more information, call 348-9214.

The Crawford County Library is open Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Phone is 348-9214.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Early in June, Airman 1st Class Amy Jo LaChappelle arrived in Grayling from Kadena Air Force Base on Okinawa. She spent several days here visiting her dad, Mike LaChappelle and grandma, Iris Corr, as well as friends and other relatives, then returned to duty.

Edwina LaChappelle of St. Petersburg, Florida was Iris Corr's guest in July for a few days. The balance of her time here was spent with her sister, Joan Murphy in Roscommon.

On Marathon race day, Clare LaChappelle and children Nicole, Jason and Laura from Oviedo, Florida arrived in time to see the racers pass Iris' house on the AuSable and joined in the cheering section.

After a week of visiting they left for home by way of Mishawaka, Indiana, spending the night with his sister Joelyn Krusch and family. Iris rode there with them stayed a week and Joelyn and Jim brought her home the following weekend.

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Mullin Golden Anniversary



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They celebrated 50 years of happy marriage on August 28, with Mass at St. Mary's and a dinner reception following at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling.

Ed and Joyce raised their eight children in the Lansing area and then moved to Lovells in 1979. They have 25 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

They were joined in their celebration by many family members and friends.

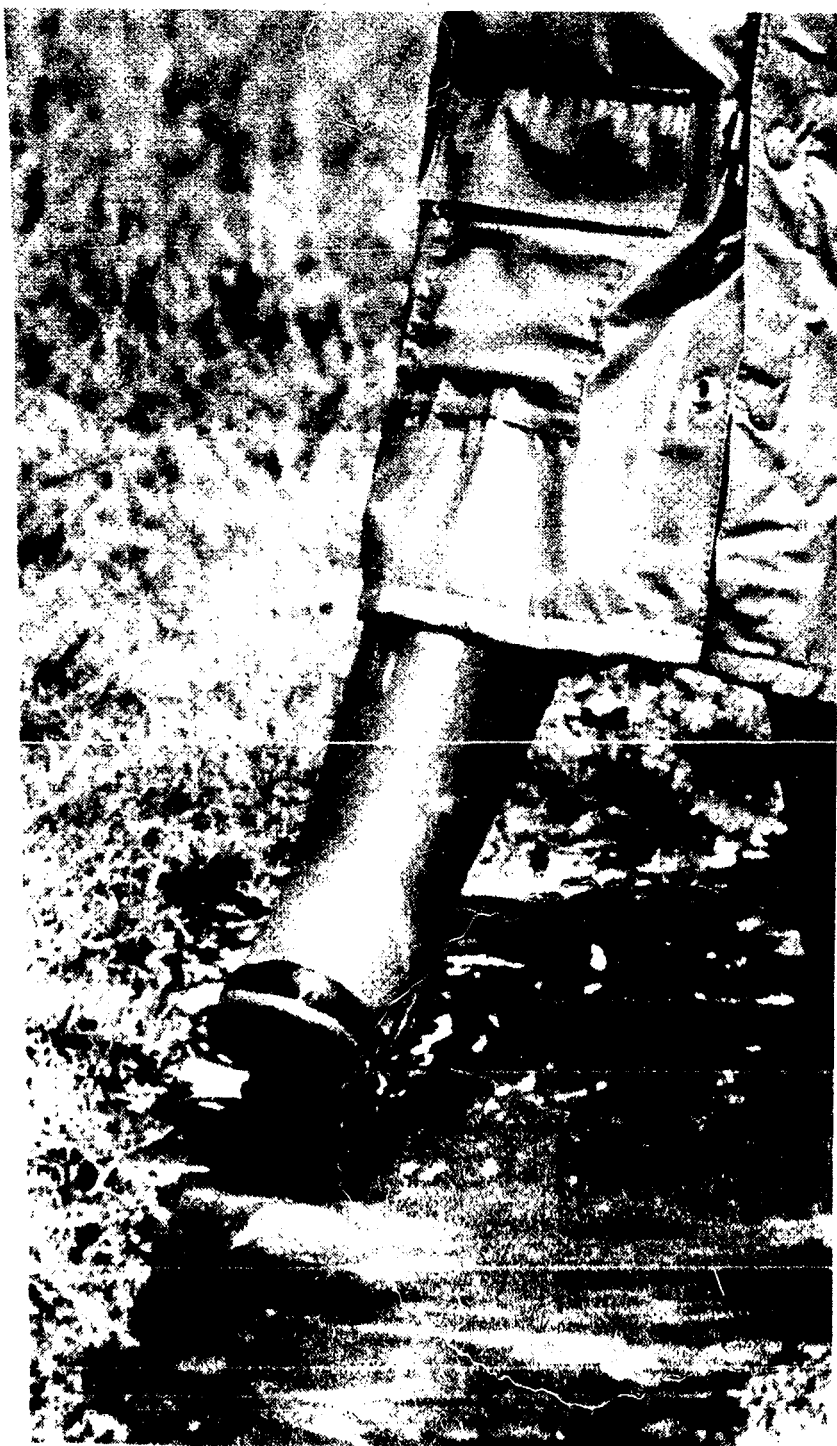
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Camp Grayling Range Firing scheduled, during September 1 through September 7.

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Family series offered by Kirtland Arts

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Two adults and three children can purchase a series ticket package in Sections B or C for the following four shows: *Witty World of Will Rogers* - September 25, at 8 p.m. (theater/comedy), *Trout Fishing in America* - November 13 at 8 p.m. (folk music/comedy duo), *The Moscow Boys Choir* - December 4, at 8 p.m. (Christmas music from around the world) and *Lazer Vaudeville* - April 15, 2000 at 8 p.m. (a mix of high tech lasers and vaudeville routines).

By purchasing this series an average family of five can enjoy world-class artists for as little as \$6.50 per person/per show. For this special series a family is any two adults and three school age children, this means grandparents with grandchildren, two mothers with three children, and two adults and any three children group is okay.

The idea is to encourage more family participation in the events at Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts. The intent is to make KCPA the place to be on Saturday night for the entire community in the Kirtland service areas.

If you have more than three children each additional child will get a ticket at half the regular admission price to each show. Tickets for the Family Series are on sale now through September 25 when this series begins with *Witty World of Will Rogers*.

All four of these shows are considered excellent family entertainment. For more information on these shows, check out the Kirtland Center Website:

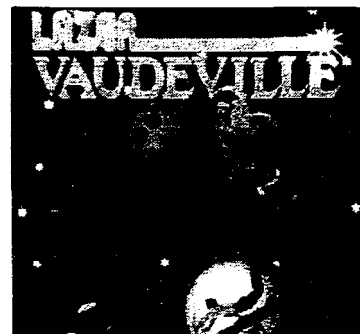
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Career development funds awarded to R.O.O.C.

The Michigan Department of Career Development (MDCD) has awarded a \$76,393 grant to R.O.O.C., Inc., in Roscommon to serve persons with disabilities in Crawford, Roscommon, and Missaukee counties.

The project will help businesses recruit and train persons with significant disabilities for jobs common to the local business markets.

Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS), a division of MDCD, collaborates with community organizations such as R.O.O.C. in a mutual goal of assisting Michigan residents with disabilities into the workforce.

MRS operates 35 offices throughout the state that provide direct job preparation and placement services for persons with disabilities.

The grant is comprised of federal and state funds. The federal portion is funded under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Geiss Golden Anniversary



Maxine and Don Geiss

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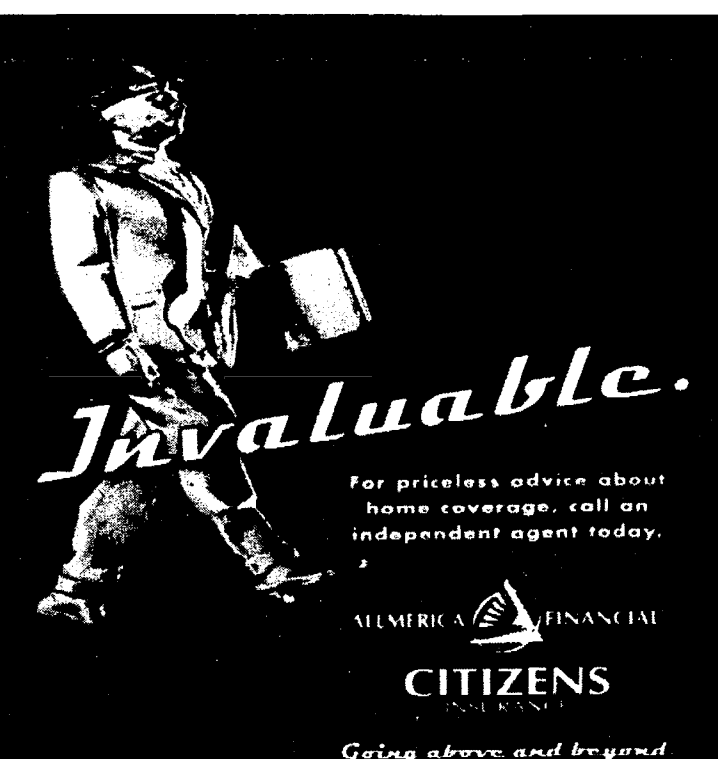
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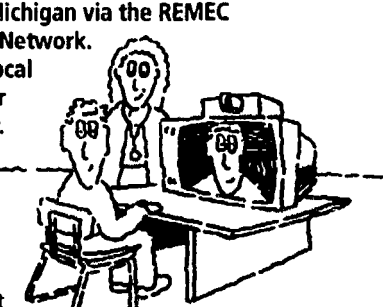
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Marines hold training exercise at Camp Grayling

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The Marine Wing Support Group 47 (MWSG-47), which trained at Camp Grayling last month, conducted a special training operation at the camp last week, involving a simulated rescue of personnel inside an embassy.

The operation, known as a Non-combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO), started at the Grayling Army Airfield, where the rescue team landed via C-130 transport plane and then transferred to CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters.

In the CH-53's, the team flew to main camp, evacuated the personnel from the "threatened U.S. embassy" to a field processing site in north camp, and then regrouped at the Grayling Airfield.

The MWSG-47 includes 200 Marines. The NEO exercise utilized three CH-53's and one C-130 Hercules aircraft.

The CH-53 is the helicopter used in the rescue of Captain Scott O'Grady, who crashed in Bosnia in June of 1995.

Marines participating in the training operation were mostly based out of Selfridge Air National Guard Base near Mount Clemens, but the exercise also included Marines from Charleston, SC; Green Bay, WI; Dallas, TX; Atlanta, GA; Philadelphia, PA; Fresno, CA; Whidbey Island, WA; Minneapolis, MN; and San Diego, CA.



Photo by Caleb Casey; All others courtesy of Camp Grayling

(Above) Marines land a CH-53 helicopter at the Camp Grayling parade field on Thursday, August 26, as part of the NEO exercise, a Non-combatant Evacuation Operation. This operation involved a simulated rescue of personnel in a "U.S. embassy."



(Above) "Non-combatants" are rounded up after "rescue." (Right, and above right) Marines take part in the NEO exercise.



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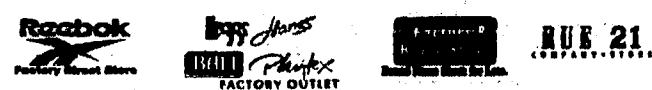
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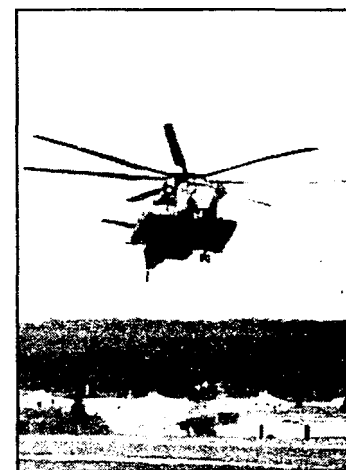
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Michigan seniors find avenue for tax relief

The *Homestead Exemption* program is a great way for a senior homeowner to receive a reduction in property taxes. While this program is very popular, a homeowner still has to come up with the money to pay those property taxes.

Many Michigan homeowners have discovered a solution which will greatly improve their ability to pay their property taxes. This solution comes in the form of a Federally backed program called a reverse mortgage.

The program allows homeowners 62 years and older to draw income from their home equity without requiring repayments for as long as they live in and own the home.

Unfortunately, the program cannot lower the amount of property taxes that one pays.

What it can do is make the money available to pay those taxes. At the borrower's discretion, the money can be taken in monthly payments, all at once, in a line of credit or a combination of these.

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actually increase in value the longer it is kept in the account. This gives the borrower more money to use at a future date. But remember, unlike a regular, conventional bank loan, a reverse mortgage never has to be paid back for as long as the borrower lives in the home. There are no additional monthly payments to worry about.

Furthermore, your past credit history or your income is not considered when applying for a reverse mortgage. "We have actually used a reverse mortgage to save several borrowers homes from a tax foreclosure," says Ken Sawan, Regional Manager of The Reverse Mortgage Company.

This program has assisted thousands of people nationwide to improve their finances. The proceeds from a reverse mortgage can be used for any reason at all, not just to pay property taxes.

If you are interested in receiving more, detailed information on either the FHA or the Fannie Mae programs, please call 1-800-860-6983.

KCC to host Controlled Burn reading series

Kirtland Community College's instructional division announces its Fall Semester 1999 line up for its *Controlled Burn* reading series. The series, which brings nationally acclaimed authors and poets to northern Michigan is in its sixth year, and all readings are free and open to the public.

On Wednesday, September 15, Michigan poet Dennis Hinrichsen, a frequent contributor to *Controlled Burn* kicks off the series with new work as well as poems from his two collections, *The Attraction of Heavenly Bodies* and *The Rain that Falls this Far*. A native of Michigan, he currently teaches at Lansing Community College, his work has appeared in some of the nation's best literary magazines.

On Thursday, October 7, Bill Meissner will read from his book of baseball stories, *Hitting into the Wind*. His other books include *Learning to Breathe Underwater*, *The Sleepwalker's Sun*, and *Twin Sons of a Different Mirror* (co-written by Michigan's Jack Driscoll). Meissner's poetry and fiction has made him the recipient of numerous awards.

On Wednesday, November 5, Pittsburgh poet Jan Beatty reads from her collections of poetry, *Mad River* and *Ravenous*. A faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh, Beatty's poems are tough and smart.

The season finishes off on Wednesday, December 1 with New York poet (and a frequent contributor to the *New Yorker*) Jean Valentine, closes the series with readings from her several collections of poetry, including *The River at Wolf*, *Home Deep Blue*, and *Growing Darkness*, *Growing Light*. The recipient of numerous awards, she teaches at Sarah Lawrence College.

The readings are sponsored by the English and Fine Arts Departments of Kirtland as well as by support from the Instruction Division of the College.

All events are preceded by a question and answer session at 4:30 p.m. in the Academic Building and followed by a reception and book signing.

For more information, contact Gerry LaFemina at (517) 275-5000 ext. 376.

HIV/AIDS prevention and care groups to meet

The Regional Community Planning Group (RCPG) for HIV prevention and HIV/AIDS Partnership North (HAPN) consortium for HIV care will hold their next meetings on September 9 at the Otsego Branch office of the Northwest Michigan Health Care Agency in Gaylord.

RCPG meets from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. HAPN meets from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Prevention planning will be working on the three-year plan due in December. HAPN will be reviewing the new administrative arrangement for the coming year.

Public comment is welcome. Please contact Maryln Lawrence at (231) 547-6523 if you plan to attend.

The Regional Community Planning Group (RCPG) is a program of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency. The purpose of the RCPG is to plan, develop, and implement HIV pre-

vention programs that are appropriate to northern Michigan.

HIV/AIDS Partnership North (HAPN) is a program operated through Grand Traverse County Health Department for the purpose of ensuring comprehensive care to individuals infected with HIV in northern Michigan.

For more information, contact your local health department of Maryln Lawrence, at the number given above. Both programs are funded through the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Intervention Section of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

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AARP warns seniors of Medicare scam

Contrary to the assertions of a questionable postcard campaign that's making its way into the mailboxes of thousands of senior citizens, no Medicare beneficiary is entitled to a \$546 refund from Medicare.

Further, no Medicare beneficiary need call a "900" number to obtain printed material that's available free-of-charge to all consumers by calling the Health Care Financing Administration toll-free at 1-800-638-6833.

"Fraudulent telemarketers are at it again," warns AARP National Legislative Committee member Oliver Coleman. Coleman's comments came in reaction to an alert issued this week by the federal Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) about a nationwide scam targeting Medicare beneficiaries.

According to HCFA, Medicare beneficiaries are receiving post-

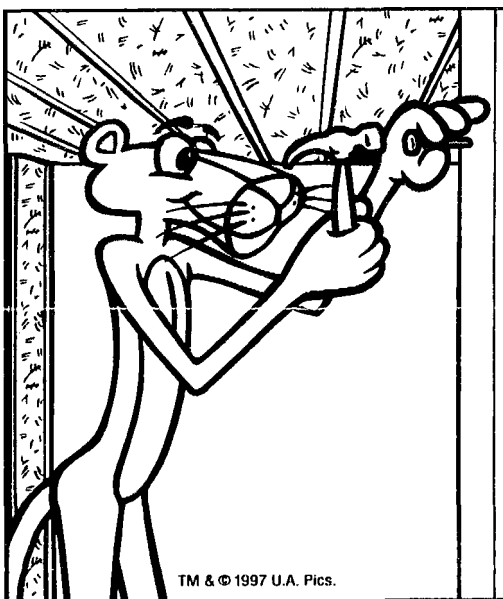
cards that tell them of a "1999 Medicare Alert." They are advised to call a 900 number to see if they qualify for a \$546 Medicare refund.

But, unbeknownst to them, they are automatically billed \$4.95 for dialing the "900" number.

The postcard also tells recipients to send \$4.95 to National Data Research at a Dallas post office box to receive several health benefit publications, even though those publications are already available from the government free-of-charge.

"Forewarned is forearmed," Coleman said. "Federal authorities are aware of the scam and the matter is currently under investigation by the United States Justice Department. In the meantime, any Michigan senior who receives this questionable postcard should put it in the circular file. Trash belongs in the trash can," he said.

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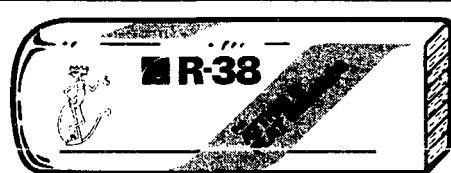
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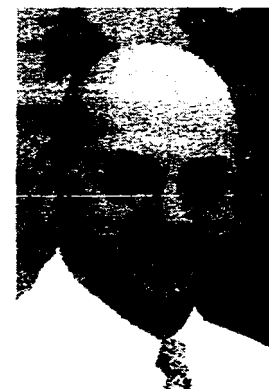
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OBITUARIES

Ward F. Ellison

Ward Fleming Ellison, 74, of Traverse City, died August 25, 1999, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Mr. Ellison was born December 10, 1924, to Lawrence James and Elsie (Fleming) Ellison. He was a veteran of World War II serving as an aviation radioman in the U.S. Navy, flying in the Pacific Theater from 1943 to 1946.

Mr. Ellison was a resident of Traverse City since 1998, moving there from Burt Lake. He was an attorney and prior to retirement, had been employed by the Accident Fund of Michigan. Prior to that position, he had been in private practice in Grayling and had also served as the Crawford County prosecutor and the City of Grayling's legal counsel. He held memberships in the Michigan Bar Association, the Elks Lodge No. 2378 of Englewood, Florida, St. Francis Catholic Church in Traverse City, the Crown Golf Club in Traverse City and the Oyster Creek Golf and Country Club in Florida. He especially enjoyed reading, astronomy and golf.

Survivors include: his wife, Therese (Duley) whom he married October 22, 1972 in Grayling; children, Ward Anthony (Sharon) Ellison of Lowell and Kathleen Jan (Craig) Dandy of Grayling; stepchildren, David M. (Jann) Goss of Traverse City, Gail L. Stahl of Grayling, Julie K. (Clifford) Bonamic of Gainesville, Florida, and Mary L. (Ken) Murray of Traverse City; and 12 grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 11, at The Cross in the Woods Shrine at Indian River, with Father Donald Paulus OFM serving as celebrant.

Memorials may be directed to The Cross in the Woods.

The family was served by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City.

Merline B. Wonders

Merline B. Wonders, 77, of Palm Desert, California, formerly of Fostoria, Ohio, and Grayling, died August 24, 1999, at Eisenhower Memorial Hospital, Rancho Mirage, California.

Mrs. Wonders was born July 14, 1922, in Canton, Ohio, to Raymond and Blanche (Sewell) Wenger. She was active in Eastern Star in Fostoria, Ohio; an active charter member of Trout Unlimited; a former member/volunteer at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Grayling; a former hospital volunteer at a Fostoria, Ohio hospital; a member of the Professional Photographers Association; a member of the Business and Professional Women's Association, Fostoria, Ohio. She was a co-owner/operator of the Studio of Wonders (photography studio), Fostoria, Ohio for 43 years.

Survivors include: a daughter, Pamela Wonders of Desert Hot Springs, California; two sons, Doug Wonders of Gardiner, Montana and Raymond Wonders of Anchorage, Alaska; one sister, Virginia Mallo of Palm Springs, California; one brother, Raymond Wenger of Sacramento, California; three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held August 28 at the Hope Lutheran Church, Palm Desert, California. Arrangements were made by the Palm Springs Mortuary at Cathedral City, California.

Edith M. Benjamin

Edith M. Benjamin, 80, of Grayling, died August 25, 1999, at Mercy Manor, Grayling.

Mrs. Benjamin was born April 15, 1919, in Menasha, Minnesota, to Henry and Fanny (Wesa) Marjamaa. She was very active in area churches wherever she resided and prior to her illness, spent her time visiting shut-ins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle Benjamin of August 16, 1996. She was also preceded by three sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were held August 27 at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Reverend Robert Henley officiating. Burial was in the Delta Center Cemetery, Lansing.

Memorial gifts may be made to Mercy Manor, Flower Garden Fund.

Donna L. Small

Donna L. Small, 46, of Roscommon (South Branch Township), died August 30, 1999, at Meadows of Grayling.

Mrs. Small was born June 21, 1953, in Detroit, to Nick and Myrtle Ruth (Haney) Keller. She married Wayne A. Small June 15, 1983 in Detroit and was a homemaker. She lived in Taylor prior to moving to Roscommon in 1986. She was a member of the Buckley Old Engine Show.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Myrtle Ruth Keller.

Survivors include: her husband, Wayne Small; one daughter, Jennifer Small of Traverse City; one son, Chad (Sherry) Koveleski of Taylor; her father and stepmother, Nick and Bernice Keller of Taylor; half-brothers, Garry Scott and Leonard Scott and half-sisters, Karen Bowen and Sandra Marley; one granddaughter, Kali Koveleski.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 4 at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Roscommon, with Reverend David E. Hansen officiating. The family will receive friends at the church beginning at noon, Saturday.

Arrangements were made by Steuermol & McLaren Funeral Home, Roscommon.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from August 23 through August 30:

One ambulance assist; one fire; one criminal sexual conduct; three assault; five burglary; four larceny; one fraud; four property damage; one weapons; seven public peace; one OUIL/OUID; four citations; 14 health and safety (12 of which were animal control); one invasion of privacy; one conservation; one miscellaneous crimes; two minors; 16 accidents; two nontraffic accident; one parking violation; two traffic safety; two false alarms; one hazardous conditions; one accident; one vehicle inspection; four civil/family trouble; five suspicious situations; one lost/found property; two missing persons; 22 general non-criminal.

A total of 113 complaints were handled by the sheriff's department during the one-week period.

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Schedule of Activities at the Center this week:

September 1 - Hearing Clinic, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Wendy's Bingo, 5:30 p.m.

September 3 - Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.

September 5 - Sunday Brunch, with chipped beef on toast.

September 6 - Center closed.

September 7 - Euchre at 1 p.m.; Trivia at 5:30 p.m.

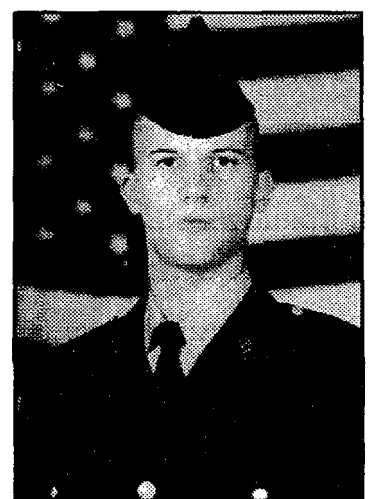
September 8 - Commodities at the Eagles, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; Stag Club at 12:30 p.m.; Birthday Dinner at 5 p.m.; RSVP White Elephant Auction at 5:30 p.m.

Meals are available at the Senior Center at noon and 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Friday, a meal is available only at noon. Please call for reservations at (517) 348-7123.

SEPTEMBER MENU: Lunch /Dinner

- 1 - Parmesan Chicken/Beef Stroganoff
- 2 - Tuna and Noodles/Breaded Chicken
- 3 - Liver and Onions/Pot Roast
- 4 - Baked Ham/no dinner
- 6 - Labor Day - Center Closed
- 7 - Chopped Sirloin/Fish Fillets
- 8 - BBQ Pork/Chicken and Biscuits

MILITARY NEWS



Robert Brinker III

Robert Brinker III completed nine weeks of Combat Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He is currently assigned to the 1438th Engineers in the Michigan National Guard at Camp Grayling.

He is the son of Robert Jr. and Shelley Brinker of Grayling. He plans to finish high school this year and complete his advanced training in the spring. He will then use the National Guard Tuition Assistance Program to attend college.

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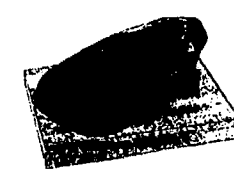
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Supermarket chain continues to reach out to communities

Shoppers in northern Michigan's Glen's Markets now have many ways to share with their communities and help their local organizations. Glen's Markets, with 23 locations in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, kicks off this week an improved Save-Share 2000 program, with a goal of donating \$500,000 back to designated organizations in the communities serviced by Glen's markets.

In addition, local non-profit organizations are eligible for money just for collecting the UPC codes off the popular Spartan green label products. And, through Spartan, Glen's is offering organizations a chance to raise money through the sale of special coupon books.

"We're excited about offering these three fine programs to Glen's Markets shoppers," says Vern Cavitch, Marketing Specialist for Glen's Markets.

◆ Save Share 2000

Since beginning the Save-Share program in 1972, Glen's Markets have contributed over \$11 million to participating organizations in northern Michigan. This year's goal is to donate an additional \$500,000 to qualified groups. The newly revised Save Share 2000 program makes participation easier.

Supporters simply need to sign up at the Customer Service desk of their local Glen's Market. Then every time they use their Glen's Value Card, Glen's will keep track of the total purchase amount. For any shopper whose weekly purchases average \$10 or more, Glen's will automatically donate one percent of the qualified purchases to their designated organization.

Group designation cards are available at the Customer Service Desk at your local Glen's Market, where customers can also view a list of the participating organizations.

New customers can also get a Value Card at the Customer Service Desk, and organizations can sign up at the Customer Service Desk.

Qualified organizations will receive a check directly from Glen's Markets every other month, starting in November, reflecting the donations from the previous two months.

◆ Spartan Cash For Labels

Spartan brand products -- more than 1,800 items -- can be found in nearly every area of the store.

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symbols from Spartan products. Shoppers can collect the labels from the products and turn them in to local non-profit organization. For every 1,000 UPC codes sent in, the organization will receive \$20.

Since starting the Cash for Labels program, Spartan has donated \$570,000 to non-profit organizations in their market area. All non-profits in the Glen's area are eligible to participate in the program.

Organizations can register by calling 1-800-451-8500.

◆ Spartan Coupon Book Fundraiser

In addition to these two fine programs, local non-profits can also take advantage of a new coupon book program offered by Spartan. Coupon books filled with 40 coupons valued at \$22 in savings on Spartan products (including 10 free items valued at \$8) can be purchased through Spartan for as little as \$1.85 each. The coupon books are then sold for \$5. There is no minimum order and books can be acquired with no up-front money for a slightly higher price.

"These coupon books are easy for kids, schools and organizations to sell because the Spartan products are so popular," says Tom Berg, Spartan Director of Controlled Brands.

For information on purchasing coupon books for a local fundraiser, call Youth Quest Fundraising at 1-800-399-6884.

"Glen's has a reputation for helping build better communities in the many areas where we have supermarkets," Cavitch said. "We're pleased to continue, and enhance, the many opportunities available for our customers to be part of this giving process."

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Our improved Save-Share 2000 program begins August 30 and costs you absolutely nothing -- all donations are made by Glen's Markets. For further details, stop by any Glen's Markets location!



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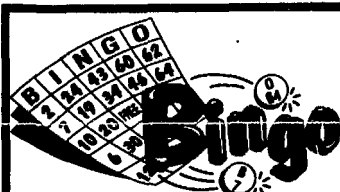
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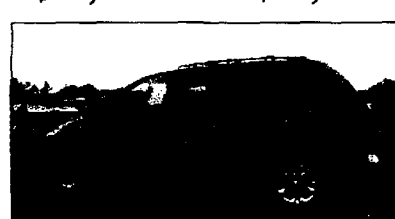
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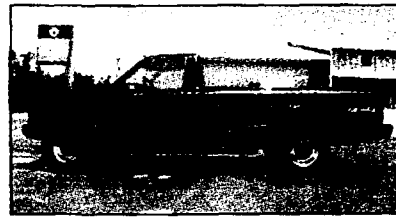
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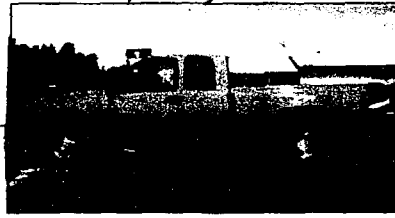
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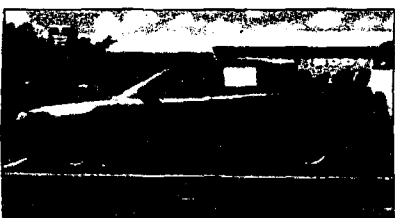
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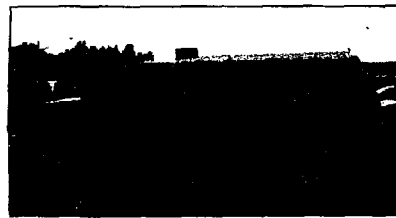
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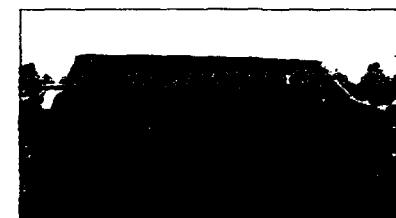
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Unemployment tax rate plummets to 23-year low

Cuts in Michigan's unemployment tax system are producing results. Just compiled, state figures reveal that the average jobless tax rate plummeted by half a percentage point to a 23-year low in 1998.

Unemployment Agency (UA) Director Jack Wheatley reported that the average unemployment tax rate in 1998 was 2.8 percent -- the lowest since 1975's average of 2.74 percent -- compared to an average unemployment tax rate of 3.26 percent in 1997.

"The drop in last year's average unemployment tax rate to 2.8 percent is wonderful news for Michigan employers, but it only hints at the savings they have realized over the past three years," noted Kathy Wilbur, director of the Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, the UA's parent agency. "From 1996 to 1998, employers have saved more than \$400 million in taxes because of cuts we have made in unemployment insurance. And if we add in the 1999 tax cuts, the savings exceed \$600 million."

Three straight years of unemployment tax cuts and Michigan's booming economy with low joblessness led to the drop in 1998's average tax rate, Wheatley added.

He pointed out that Michigan's average has been dropping steadily since 1994, when it peaked at 4.46 percent. The unemployment rate decline is the largest year-to-year drop since the 1995-96 period, when the average tumbled by nearly eight-tenths of a point to 3.52 percent from 4.28 percent.

Employers pay state unemployment taxes on the first \$9,500 of each employee's wages. In 1998, the tax rate ranged from 0.1 to 8.1 percent. The tax dollars paid per employee varied from \$9.50 to \$769.50 annually. At the average rate, an employer's monthly tax bill equals \$22 per employee for unemployment insurance.

Students attend MTU workshop

Nathaniel Mueller, Monica Safin, Travis Nelson and Matthew Seager of Grayling, participated in the annual Summer Youth Program at Michigan Technological University recently.

Every year almost 1,000 twelve to 18-year-old students attend week-long explorations in engineering, mathematics and science, outdoor/ecology, technology and society, or fine, performing, and technical arts.

Mueller, son of Jon and Susanne Mueller of Grayling, is a freshman at Grayling High School.

Safin, daughter of Robert Safin and Cynthia Simpson of Grayling, is a freshman at Grayling High School, where she is active in basketball, track, band and forensics.

Nelson, son of Gregory and Rebecca Nelson of Grayling, is a freshman at Grayling High School.

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Girls basketball team to open '99 season

► GHS Varsity Girls Basketball Team sets sights on NEMC, District titles

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School Varsity Girls Basketball team has been working hard to prepare for the '99 season, and is ready to hit the court, said Coach Chris Dunckley.

"Practices have been going great," said Dunckley. "The girls' intensity is way up there. They're excited about playing. They've really been working hard."

The team has set high goals for itself this year, including bringing home the championship for both the North East Michigan Conference (NEMC) and the District.

"This is our third year in this conference," said Coach Dunckley. "In the conference we've finished 12-4 for the past two years in a row. We'd like to improve on that record this year."

"Our goal," continued Dunckley, "is to take first in the conference and to win the District championship."

"We have very little size, but we are quick. We should have a good year," he said.

This year's team has 12 players, six of which played on the varsity squad last season. Five of the team's

12 players are seniors, six are juniors, and one is a sophomore.

One of the team's juniors, Brandy Ritter, is back in action this year after sitting out all of last season due to an injury. (As a freshman, Ritter played on the varsity team and was named an All-State Honorable Mention.)

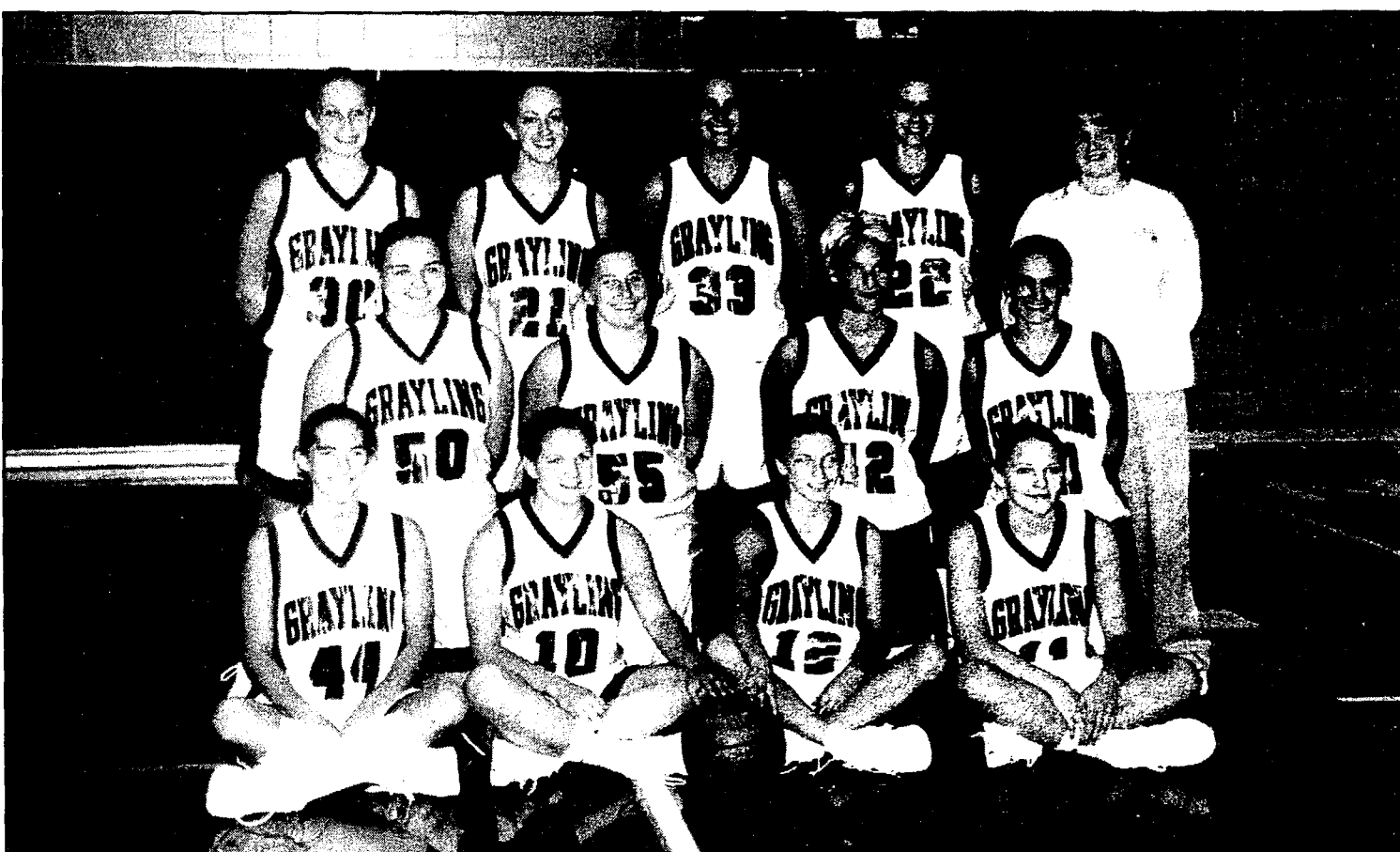
"She looks to be pretty healthy," said Coach Dunckley.

The team as a whole has worked hard in the months leading up to the squad's regular practice schedule, Dunckley said, taking advantage of nearly all of the 15 days of practice allowed during the summer.

"We're looking forward to the year," said Coach Dunckley. "We hope to have good crowd support."

The Varsity Girls Basketball Team started the 1999 season on Tuesday, August 31, with a game at home against the Blue Devils of Gaylord. For results of that game, please see next week's *Avalanche*.

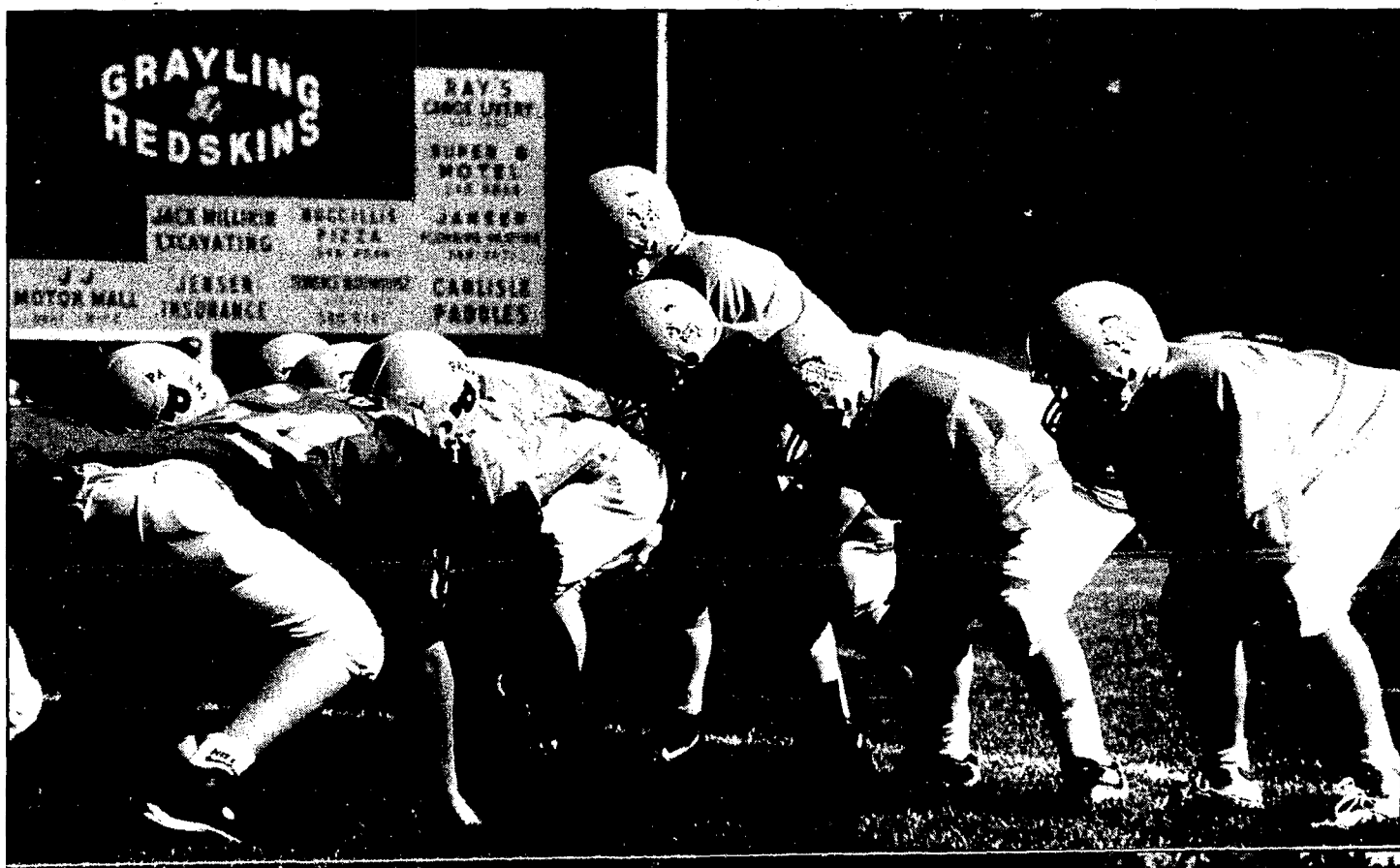
The Vikings will play their second game of the season on Thursday, September 9, at West Branch Ogemaw Heights. The next home game for Grayling will be played on Thursday, September 16, against Tawas.



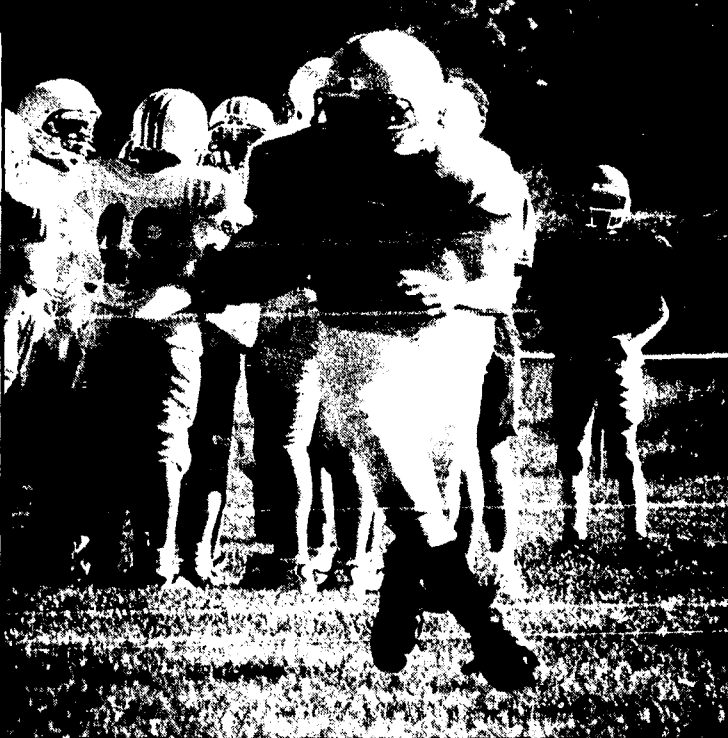
VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM -- Members of the 1999 Varsity Girls Basketball Team are: (Front row, left to right) Carrie Cadeau, Kristy Hulbert, Danielle Niederer, Andrea Kolka. (Middle row, left to right) Mika Sumner, Jayme Potter, Lori Hinkle, Emily Fox. (Back row, left to right) Andrea Elmy, Tanya Helsel, Brandy Ritter, Melanie Paxton, Manager Kristi Wargo. Not pictured: Coach Chris Dunckley.

Photo by Cheryl Rulley

Redskins teams to play openers this weekend



The Grayling Redskins Varsity Team (right) lines up for a play during a half-field scrimmage on Saturday, August 28. For more on this event and a schedule of Redskins games, please see Page 2B.



The Redskins Varsity Team ran running plays (above) and passing plays (left) in a scrimmage against Pinconning, getting ready for the '99 football season.

Redskins photos by Caleb Casey

Vikings lose to Roscommon

► Turnovers hurt both teams, Bucks able to capitalize in varsity opener

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Despite recovering five Bucks fumbles and holding a solid Roscommon offense to only two touchdowns, the GHS Varsity Football Team lost its season opener to Rosco on Friday, August 27, by a final score of 18-6.

The Vikings struggled to get their offense moving for much of the game, and further hurt their chances with five interceptions. The Bucks played well on defense, holding Grayling to one score.

The Vikes got off to a shaky start, and had to punt in their first possession of the game. Roscommon then took the ball into Grayling territory

with a 28-yard run, but a Rosco holding penalty on 3rd and 1 resulted in a ten yard loss. The Vikings stopped the next play for a loss, and Roscommon was forced to punt.

Grayling tossed a costly interception in its next drive, giving Rosco good field position. A good run and a 15-yard personal foul penalty put the Bucks at the Grayling 35 yard line. Another solid run put Roscommon at the Viking 3 yard line, and the Bucks capitalized on the turnover with a 3-yard touchdown run.

Rosco kicked the point after to lead 7-0.

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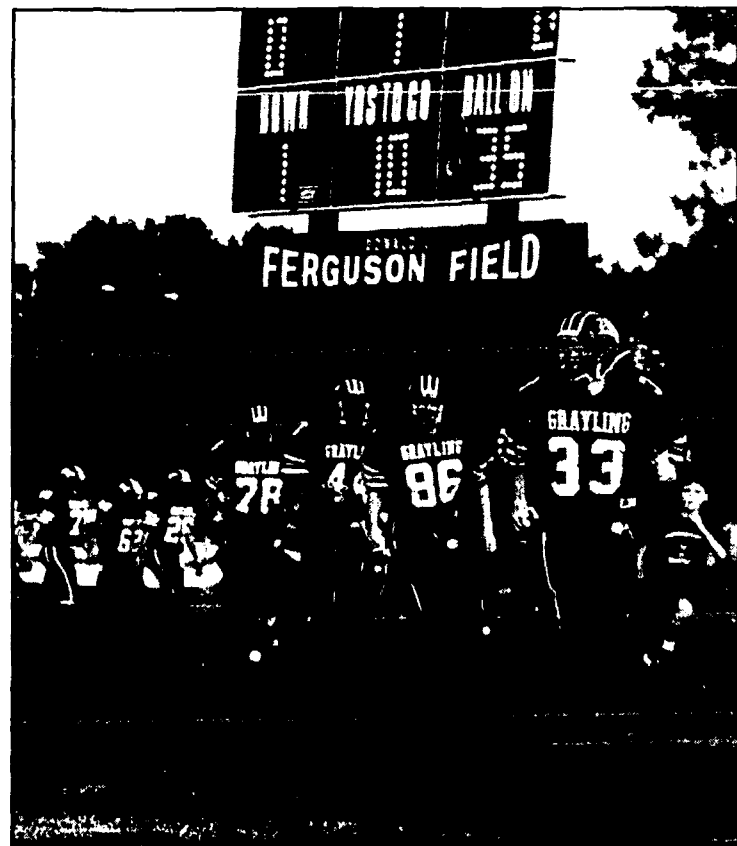


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THE HOME TEAM -- (Above) The Grayling High School Varsity Football Team enters Viking Stadium Friday night for a match-up against Roscommon, the opening game of the season for the Vikings.

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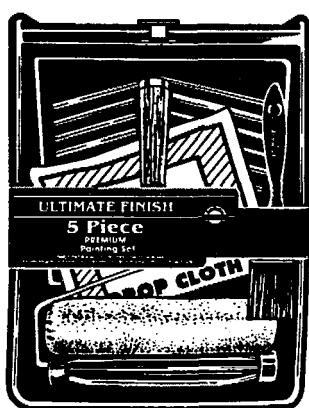
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Redskins teams to play openers this weekend

Grayling Redskins players, coaches, parents, and fans gathered at a scrimmage event on Saturday, August 28, as several teams from northern Michigan came together at Redskins Field at the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

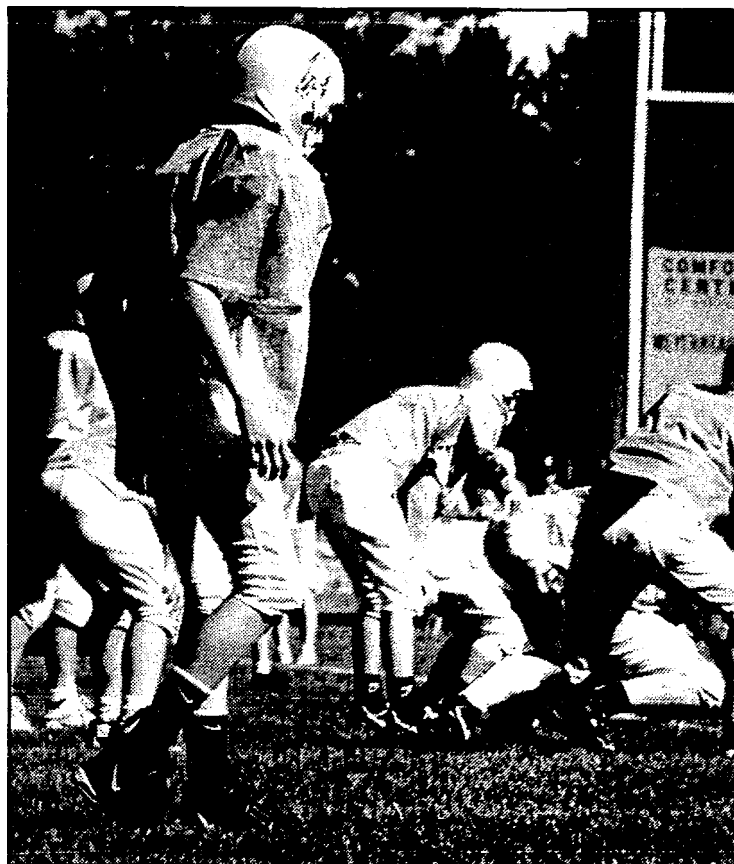
Teams took part in half-field scrimmages with the coaches calling plays and giving pointers during the action.

The AuSable Football League's Redskins program will again fea-

ture four teams this year: "Varsity" (8th grade), "JV" (7th grade), "Freshman 1" (5th and 6th grade), and "Freshman 2" (5th and 6th grade).

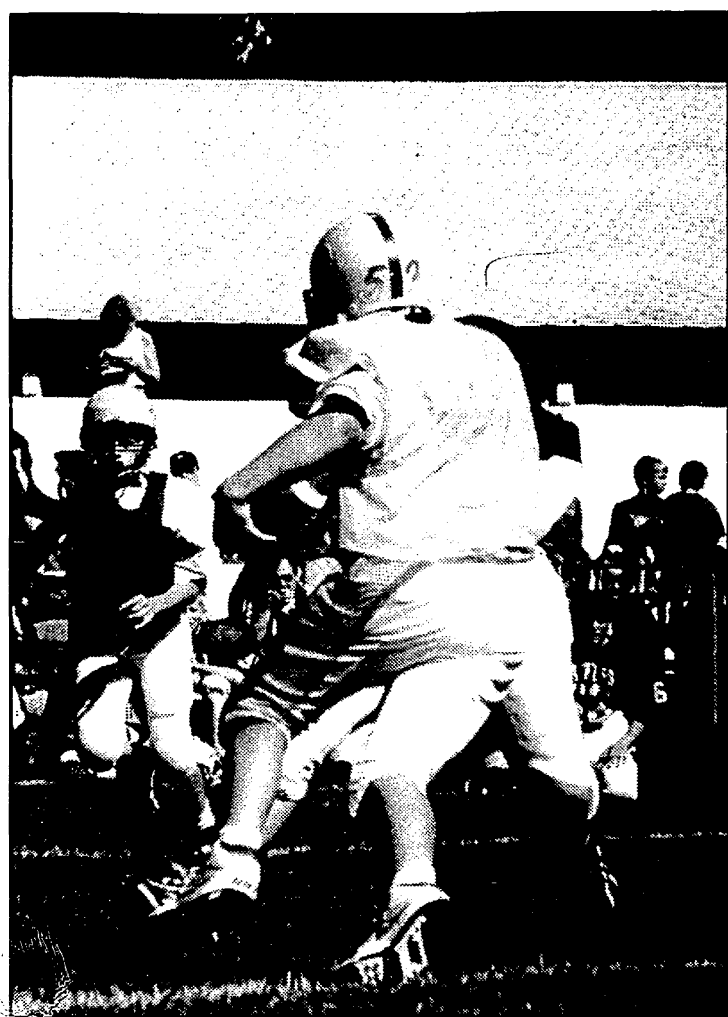
Varsity, Freshman 1 and Freshman 2 teams will play their first games on Saturday, September 5, against Twinning. JV will open on Sunday, September 5, at Ogemaw.

A complete schedule of games for each Redskins squad is included on this page.



Photos by Caleb Casey

(Above) Redskins players line up on defense. (Below) On offense, Grayling runs a pass play.



The Grayling Redskins run the ball against the Pinconning Packers on Saturday, during a scrimmage event.

Grayling Redskins

1999 season schedule

Varsity (8th grade)

September 4 vs. Ogemaw @ Twinning 2 p.m.
 September 12 vs. Gladwin @ Ogemaw 2 p.m.
 September 19 vs. Pinconning @ HOME 6 p.m.
 September 25 vs. Standish @ Pinconning 2 p.m.
 October 3 vs. Gladwin @ HOME 6 p.m. (Homecoming)
 October 9 vs. Oscoda @ Pinconning 12 noon
 October 16 vs. Mio @ Gladwin 2 p.m.

JV (7th grade)

September 5 vs. Ogemaw 1 @ Ogemaw 2 p.m.
 September 11 vs. Gladwin @ Pinconning 10 a.m.
 September 18 vs. Oscoda @ Oscoda 2 p.m.
 September 26 vs. Ogemaw 2 @ HOME 6 p.m. (Homecoming)
 October 2 vs. Standish @ Standish 2 p.m.
 October 9 vs. Pinconning @ Gladwin 10 a.m.
 October 16 vs. Cheboygan @ Onaway 10 a.m.

Freshman 1 (5th and 6th grade)

September 4 vs. Ogemaw 1 @ Twinning 12 noon
 September 12 BYE
 September 19 vs. Ogemaw 2 @ HOME 12 noon
 September 25 vs. Standish 2 @ Pinconning 10 a.m.
 October 3 vs. Ogemaw 2 @ HOME 10 a.m. (Homecoming)
 October 9 vs. Oscoda @ Pinconning 10 a.m.
 October 17 vs. Atlanta @ HOME 2 p.m.

Freshman 2 (5th and 6th grade)

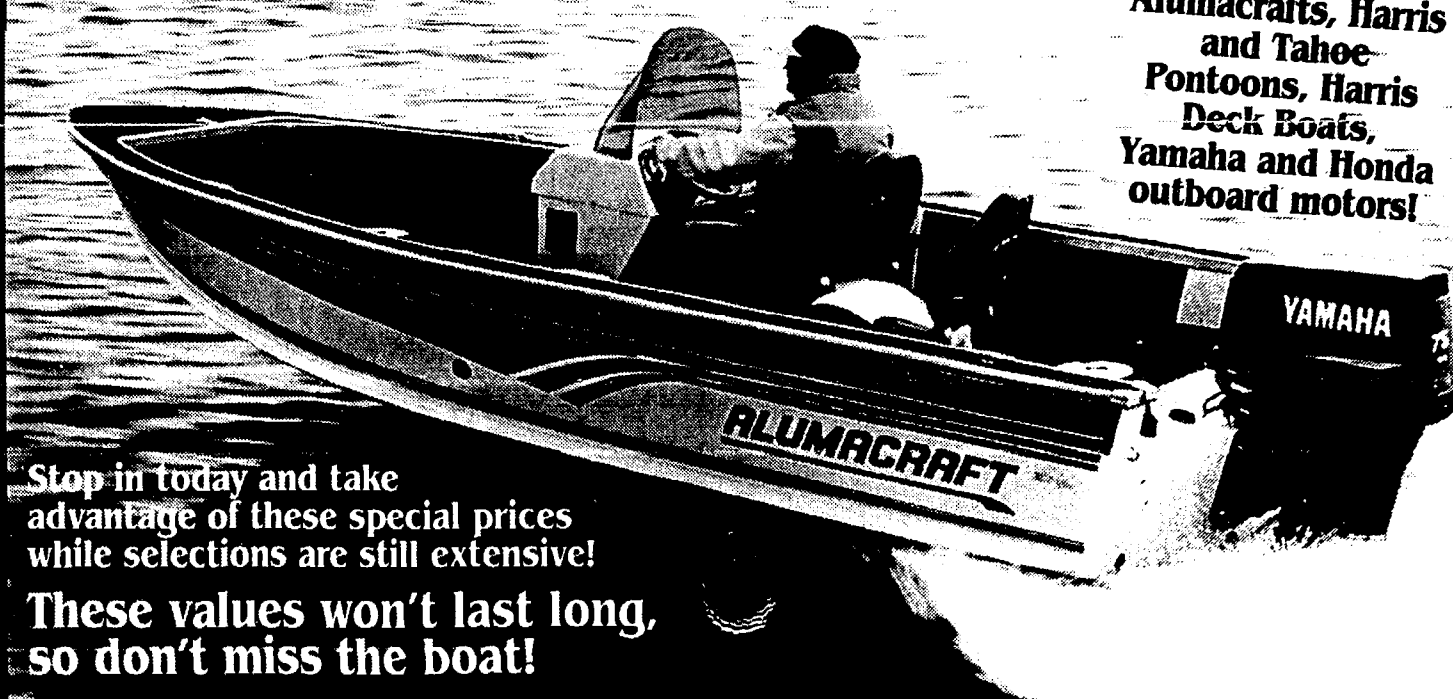
September 4 vs. Twinning @ Twinning 4 p.m.
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 September 19 vs. Ogemaw 1 @ HOME 4 p.m.
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 October 3 vs. Standish @ HOME 12 noon (Homecoming)
 October 9 vs. Mio 2 @ Pinconning 2 p.m.
 October 17 vs. Jo-burg @ HOME 12 noon

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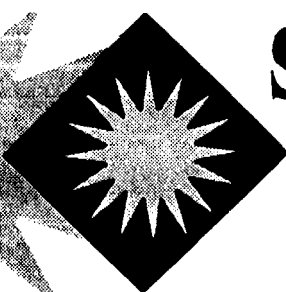
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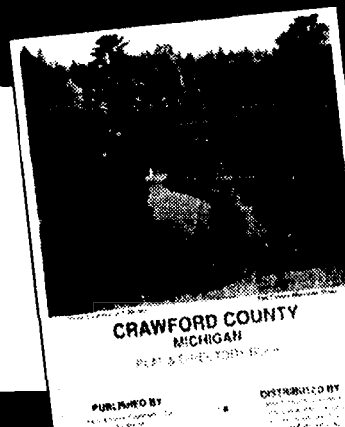


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Vikings lose to Roscommon Bucks

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Grayling's offense continued to have trouble advancing the ball, and punted its next possession.

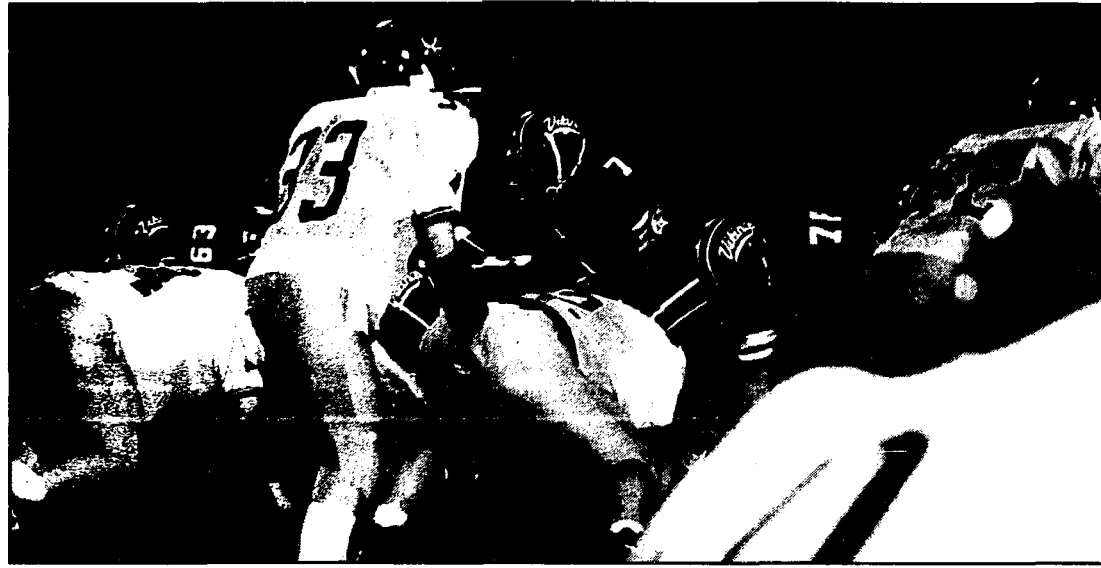
Roscommon continued to gain yards on the ground, taking the ball to the Grayling 35. The Vikings stepped up on defense, stopping a pair of pass plays to bring up 4th and 10. Ray Trudgeon tackled the Roscommon ball carrier for a loss, and the Vikings took over on downs at the Roscommon 43.

The Viking offense started to click, as GHS converted on a 4th and 4 with a pass to Jeremy Latuszek. On the Roscommon 14 yard line, Grayling's Eli Tobin ran for a touchdown, which was called back due to a Viking holding penalty. Grayling couldn't get back in, and the Bucks took over on downs at their own 26.

Roscommon drove the ball 56 yards and threatened to score, but the Vikings forced a fumble, which was recovered by Tobin at the 1 yard line.

With about five minutes left in the first half Grayling took over, but had to punt again after an illegal procedure penalty and a failed pass attempt moved Grayling back on third down.

Victor CdeBaca recovered a fumble on the next Roscommon possession, but Grayling's resulting drive was cut short by an intercepted pass.



(Above) The Grayling offense prepares for the snap against Roscommon Friday night.

Rosco took over with 0:28 left in the half, and after a couple short running plays, tossed the ball 45 yards into the endzone as the clock expired for a touchdown. The Bucks faked a one-point try, and ran the ball in for two to make the halftime score 15-0 in Rosco's favor.

Utilizing their running game, the Bucks opened the second half with another strong drive, but lost the ball at the Grayling 19, as CdeBaca recovered his second fumble of the game.

Grayling then put together its best drive of the game, taking the ball 81 yards for a score. The drive spanned 5:21 of clock time, and included a 42-yard run by Brad Wilson. Quarterback Levi Burkett capped the drive with a lunge into the endzone from the 3 yard line.

The two point try failed, leaving Grayling down 15-6. The scoring drive gave Grayling some momentum, and the team started showing some intensity. The Vikings held the Bucks to three-and-out on their next possession, and Grayling took over at their own 20 following the Rosco punt.

With the help of a couple Bucks penalties, GHS put together another decent drive, but one of Burkett's passes was tipped near the line and intercepted by Roscommon. Grayling then got the ball back as Dave Golinick recovered another Rosco fumble. The Vikings tossed their fourth interception of the game, giving Roscommon another shot.

With 3:40 left in the game, Marc Weaver recovered another Rosco fumble, but Grayling's next drive was halted by the team's fifth interception. Roscommon got within field goal range, and kicked the ball through the uprights for three points, leading to the final score of 18-6.

The Varsity Football Team's next game will be played on Friday, September 3, at Houghton Lake.



(Above) Eli Tobin runs for Grayling.

JV Football Team conquers Bucks

by Dave Golinick
Student Writer

The JV football squad recently defeated the Roscommon Bucks 12-7 in the opening game of the season.

The first half of action was tense for both teams, as turnovers and penalties prevailed. The Bucks got off to a good start at the beginning of the first quarter when they began driving deep into Viking territory, and eventually scored in the dying seconds of the quarter.

The Vikings fought back with renewed vigor and constructed a long drive of their own, which ended with a touchdown run from quarterback Larry Baynham.

The end of the quarter was a battle for field position, with Grayling prevailing at the end, but a late

interception by a Roscommon line-backer ended any chance of a Viking score before the half.

The second half started off well for the Vikes, who recovered a Roscommon fumble and picked off a Bucks pass.

Grayling started to take control by capitalizing on the turnovers with a long touchdown run. The two point attempt failed.

From there, the Vikings shut the door in Roscommon's face, playing solid defense until the end of the game. The final score was Grayling 12, Roscommon 7.

Outstanding players for the game were running back Nate Haskel and Baynham.

The first JV home game will be Thursday, September 4, against the Houghton Lake Bobcats.



(Above) The JV team's defense swarms the Roscommon quarterback.



FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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Freshmen Football Team loses season opener

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Freshmen Football Team, now in its second season at Grayling High School, lost its season opener last week to the Boyne City Ramblers, 20-8.

"We were down 14-0 at the half and came back strong in the second half," said Coach Ron Wyman. "Boyne didn't score in the second half until the last two minutes."

"Quarterback Chris Wakeley had a great game on both offense and defense, with one interception on

defense," said Coach Wyman. "We didn't have any penalties or turnovers -- the team executed very well."

On offense, John Baker and Jesse Gildner both rushed for 70 yards.

Chris Johns led the defense with 11 tackles. Baker had 10 tackles.

The freshmen team's first game of the '99 season, which was played at Boyne City on August 26, was originally scheduled to take place against Roscommon, but the Bucks were unable to field a freshmen squad this year.

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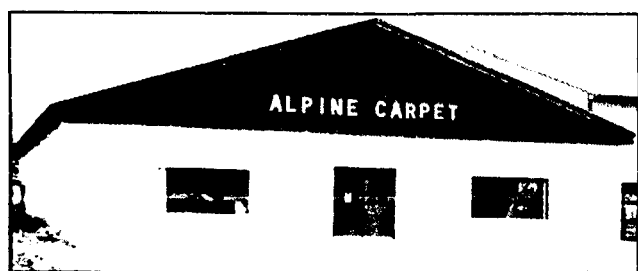
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COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Donna Thomson
Wednesday Ladies League

The Wednesday morning Ladies League had a beautiful day to end our 1999 season. As it was Presidents Day, we always have our Past-Presidents join us for lunch and a record of 15 were there today. Joining us were Eunice Slusser, Kay Ellen King, Joyce Janca, Pearl Tucker, Marge Sneath, Marge Smith and Carolyn DiPonio. We also have eight Past-Presidents still active in the league. Gloria Kasman, Elsie Jansen, Dorothy Kaseman, Jeanette Kitchen, Doris Birtcher, Lynda Hetrick, Kathy Olson and Sherry Hanson.

Our morning was started with "scrumptious" cinnamon rolls made by Nancy Hoffman. We then purchased a "mulligan" marker beautifully painted and donated by Ricki Stahl. Then off we went for a round of scrambles.

There was a three-way tie for first place with a score of 38 between the team of Carolyn DiPonio, Ann Latusek, Judy Johnston and Peggy Whipple; the team of Joan Miller, Bev McNamara, Norma Olson and JoAnn Michal; and the team of Connie Gates, Nancy Hoffman, Gloria Kasman and Thelma Madsen.

In second place with a score of 39 was the team of Kathy Olson, Lynda Hetrick, Sue Brenner and Dody Burns. The other team with a score of 39 was the team of Jeanette Kitchen, Marge Sneath, Ilene Hatfield and Pauline Petroskey.

When we came in, there were

wonderful hors' d'oeuvres for us to enjoy along with refreshments. After all were settled, we were welcomed by Kathy Olson, who was in charge of this day. She got together a lot of different committees, who did their job beautifully to make the day the success that it was.

We were then led in prayer by Nancy Hoffman to enjoy a nice lunch of chicken salad, veggies, croissants and dessert, after which she regaled us with a fresh supply of jokes.

President Sally McNamara then introduced our new board and golf committee member and thanked all the outgoing officers for a job well done. Sally was then presented with an outgoing gift of some neat golf accessories from Past-President Sherry Hanson. Sally did a very good job as President.

Pins were then awarded to all those who had a birdie during league play. Then the golf committee gave awards to those who won in the handicap tournament. In Flight A, Jeanette Kitchen with runner-up Sally McNamara; in Flight B, Marilyn Hartman and runner-up Louise Hatfield; in Flight C, Deanne Weiss and runner-up Jane Haller; in Flight D, JoAnn Michal and runner-up Evie Kent.

Next were prizes for low grass in their flight and these were: Flight A, Connie Gates; Flight B, Katy McNamara; Flight C, Norma Olson;



and Flight D, JoAnn Michal.

And last, but not least, a prize for those taking the most points and in Flight A, it was Mary Jane Knibbs, Flight B, Marilyn Hartman, Flight C, Norma Olson and Flight D, JoAnn Michal.

The efforts of Brian, Val and Annette and all wait staff who took care of us in any way through this season were recognized.

We then had a raffle of some really nice gifts.

This has been a really great year for us, the weather didn't always cooperate but we only had one rain make-up day so that wasn't too bad. We lost some gals for health reasons and hope next year will be better for them. We gained some new members this year and hope they enjoyed us as much as we enjoyed them.

Our course continues to improve with new trees, new flowers and new ideas. Maybe as we get a little older, we take more time to smell the flowers and appreciate it more? It truly makes our play so enjoyable.

I do enjoy letting you know of our accomplishments and so until the next century comes along, that's all "fore" now.

Snowmobile drag races return to Gaylord

Snowmobile drag racing returns to the grass in Gaylord this month. Woody's and the Gaylord Area Convention & Tourism Bureau invite you to the "Woody's Alpine Cup" Snowmobile Grass Drag Races in Gaylord Friday through Sunday, September 10 - 12.

The races will be held in a new location on Millbucker Road located between M-32 and West Otsego Lake Drive off Dickerson Road. Some of the top grass drag teams in North America will be racing in Gaylord as they accumulate points for the Woody's US Tobacco Super Series.

The weekend kicks off with a Friday Night Shoot Out beginning at 7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded in three categories: Factory Mod 1, Factory Mod 2 and Top Gas Heavy. Entry fees are \$5 per person with children 5 and under free.

This is the seventh year of the MSDRA sanctioned race, which will draw over 6000 spectators to watch over 300 racers compete for \$15,000 in prize money during the weekend. This year Open Improved will compete for the honor of winning the Woody's Alpine Cup. Entry fees are \$10 for adult spectator entry, \$15 for a two-day pass; the fee for children ages six to 12 is \$5 and children five and under are admitted free. Pit passes are \$5 per day. The racer entry fee is \$15 per day.

The weekend will include vendor displays from sponsors as well as other vendors hoping to get everyone anticipating the winter ahead. There will also be food and beverage concessions.

Snowmobiles in all classes from stock to modified are invited to enter the race. Registration takes place both days from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. with race time beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday and noon on Sunday. For more information regarding the race, call (517) 731-6708 (racers), or 1-800-345-8621 (spectators).

SOUTH HIGGINS LAKE STATE PARK

Join Adventure Ranger Jackie Kelly for any of the following programs at South Higgins Lake State Park:

Friday, September 3: Pond Exploration: Learn the difference between a pond and lake. Come explore the pond. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake. **Nature Hike:**

Come explore nature along the green loop trail. Starts at 7 p.m., meet at Marl Lake.

Saturday, September 4: Webs and Weavers: Learn about spiders and their webs. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake. **Beaver Binge:** Learn about the characteristics, hike the trail to look at lodges, and

do a craft activity. Starts at 7 p.m., meet at Marl Lake.

Sunday, September 5: Beaks, Feet & Feathers: Learn about birds through game activities and make a craft. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake. **Sensory Hike:** Come explore nature with your senses. Starts at 7 p.m., meet at Marl Lake.

Note: All programs last about one hour. People of all ages are welcome, but kids six and under must be accompanied by adult supervision.

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Hartwick Pines hosts Black Iron Days



Hartwick Pines State Park hosted its annual Black Iron Days festival last weekend, which featured numerous blacksmiths (above and right) and craftsmen.



(Above) Always a family favorite, Black Iron Days also featured the 'wooden nickel' cut. Photos by Caleb Casey

One artisan featured at Black Iron Days was Joe Kutten of Traverse City, who had a display of his woodburning art. (Above) Kutten works on a wooden bowl with his burning tool at Black Iron Days on Sunday, August 29.

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PERSPECTIVE

Senior Center holds hot dog stand fundraiser



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

CAUGHT IN THE ACT - Bill Bonkowski (foreground) takes a bite of a hot dog he said he's "not supposed to eat" but it's all for a good cause. Seniors from the Commission on Aging Senior Center set up their hot dog stand at Glen's Market on Saturday, July 31 to raise money for a new soft ice cream machine to be installed at the Center. In front serving is Mildred Richardson, and behind her are Ruth and Jesse Cruz tending the grill.

Offers of easy credit lead to big trouble for many senior citizens

Senior citizens are unfortunate targets of easy credit offers. It is not uncommon for them to receive 30 or more pre-approved credit card solicitations through the mail each year. Some include a check for \$5,000 to \$10,000 as an advance against their credit limit. All that is required is to deposit or cash the check. Simple enough - until the payments start coming due.

For many senior citizens on a fixed income with little savings and the need to pay medical bills or make home repairs, this offer of immediate money can seem like a blessing. But it can lead to big trouble.

These offers take advantage of seniors by promoting a low introductory rate -- like 4.9% -- and then in the hard-to-read small print disclose that the rate will adjust to as high as 22%. All that most senior citizens can afford to pay each month is the minimum payment, with very little going to reduce the balance. Seniors can find themselves making payments the rest of their lives. So, what started off as a blessing quickly turns into a nightmare.

Increasing numbers of seniors are filing bankruptcy to escape their growing debts. "We have helped many senior citizens who

took advantage of easy credit to pay for medical care for an ailing spouse, and then were forced to file bankruptcy when they could no longer afford to make the high interest payments," said Lyn R. Link of the American Senior Enrichment Society.

For many seniors, there is another option. A Federally-Insured Reverse Mortgage enables homeowners 62 and older to turn part of their home's value into immediate cash for any purpose, and with no repayment for as long as they live in their home: a program designed to help seniors maintain their independence and stay in their home. Since there are no payments, there is never any risk of losing the home.

With five plans to select from senior homeowners may customize their reverse mortgage to best meet their needs.

Unlike high-interest credit cards or consolidation loans, the reverse mortgage program offers a very low interest rate. Past credit history and income are not used in qualifying for the program, and the money received is tax-free and does not affect Social Security or Medicare benefits.

Seniors may use the money to pay off debts or an existing mortgage to

eliminate the payments. Also, they may get the extra money they need for medical expenses, home repairs, or to put in savings to meet unexpected financial needs.

In May 1998, the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) released the results of its survey of reverse mortgage borrowers. The survey found that 93% were satisfied with their decision to do a reverse mortgage, and 90% said they would do it all over again.

"Once senior citizens start taking on credit card debt they quickly find themselves trapped. Their monthly payments decrease the money they have to live on, causing them to fall deeper and deeper into debt. Some even find themselves using one credit card to make the payments on another. With a reverse mortgage they have no monthly payments to worry with, so they are able to get the money they need without falling into a trap. Plus, seniors retain ownership and control of their home. It's smart money for many senior homeowners," Link said.

For a free informational package on the reverse mortgage program, call the American Senior Enrichment Society toll-free at 1-800-708-8118.

Senior Center Volunteer of the Month

Clyde Mize was recently chosen as September's Senior Center Volunteer of the Month. According to the *Senior Gazette*, one of the favorite sayings around the Center is "just ask Clyde, he'll do it."

Mize's has volunteered to decorate for dances, work at hot dog sales, help build floats, transport seniors to doctor and hair appointments, as well as to the store. He is very active

with RSVP and helps the organization each month with their White Elephant auction.

An active Commission on Aging participant for four years, Mize has been going to the Center for about a decade.

He and his wife of 31 years, Elouise, were named the "1997 Duke & Duchess" and were voted "1998 King & Queen" at the Center.

Mize is a General Motors retiree of 47 years, where he served as a union representative. The Mizes have owned a home in the north country for 23 years, but only moved here full time in 1996.

Neither rain or snow keeps Mize from making the 20-mile round trip to the Senior Center to help make someone's day a little brighter and their load a little lighter.

Satellites and Social Security Information

The Frederic Satellite is held on the second Friday of each month at the Hobby Club in Frederic.

The Lovells Satellite is held on the third Friday of each month at the Lovells Township Hall.

For reservations at either

satellite, call Eva Hulbert at (517) 348-9189.

For information on any questions about Social Security call 1-800-772-1213 or the Traverse City office at 1-231-946-8361, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Labor Day Salute		1 <u>Hearing Clinic</u> 9:30 - 4:30 12:30 - Stag Club 5:30 - Wendy's Bingo	2	3 1:00 Pantry Bingo ***** 5 Sunday Brunch 10 to 1 Chipped Beef on Toast
6 Labor Day Center Closed	7 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Trivia	8 Commodities at the Eagles 9:30 to 10:30 12:30 - Stag Club 5:00 - Birthday Dinner 5:30 - RSVP White Elephant Auction	9 BP's Taken 11-noon <u>Foot Clinic</u> by Appointment <small>Please bring a towel</small> 5:30 - "Ellie Mae's" Country Western Dance	10 12:00 - Frederic Satellite 1:00 - Pantry Bingo ***** 12 Picnic Potluck 2 p.m. Dish to Pass
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For The Week Of September 5-11

- Aries**
March 21-April 20
Make the most of your time. Don't put off or delay things that need to be done. Small setbacks now could lead to major setbacks later. Keep in touch with friends and loved ones. Money is a cause for concern, but things will work out.

Taurus
April 21-May 21
Now is the time to put past hurts and resentments behind you. Stay focused on the future. You could be ready to advance professionally. Travel also could be on the horizon. Don't neglect chores around the house. Keep a close eye on budgets, finances.

Gemini
May 22-June 21
You get a breather from the hectic pace at work, home. Now is the perfect time to catch up on those little things. It's also an opportunity to renew old friendships—one could pay off handsomely. Hold on to your positive outlook. Keep health resolutions.

Cancer
June 22-July 22
Be cautious—play it safe. Now is not the time to be reckless or foolhardy. Take things slow for best results. An older person could be a valued adviser. Seek advice from others but be willing to follow your instincts.

Leo
July 23-August 23
Put your ideas down on paper and get important details and guarantees in writing. It could help settle a dispute in the future. Treat yourself to a special purchase or an evening out, but be careful not to overspend. Keep things in perspective and take time to laugh.

Virgo
August 24-September 22
Asking the right question could help solve a tough problem you've been facing. Look at things from a new angle. Your intuition is on target, so trust your hunches. Work to see situations and people as they are.
- Libra**
September 23-October 23
It's time to mend fences and patch up differences with friends or family. People close to you want to help if you will let them. Take time to get a true picture of events, people. Don't be fooled by what's on the surface. Dig deep to discover the real answers.

Scorpio
October 24-November 22
Focus on home and family matters. Get all the information possible before making an important decision. Hold off on luxury items or major purchases; you may be able to find a better deal. Wrap up loose ends before starting new projects.

Sagittarius
November 23-December 31
Your leadership skills are working overtime helping overcome personal and work challenges. Don't let finances or money concerns worry you—things will work out to your advantage. A person you consider a good friend may not be trustworthy.

Capricorn
December 22-January 20
Delay temporary pleasures and stick to the business at hand for best results. Pets and possessions take center stage. Your creativity is at a peak and artistic pursuits are highlighted. You get encouragement from friends or family members.

Aquarius
January 21-February 18
Now is the time for romance. Your interests attract other people, but remember domestic obligations. Things could get out of hand if set priorities are not kept. Paperwork proves challenging but profitable.

Pisces
February 19-March 20
Don't drop a complicated or long-term project. Stick with it a while longer. You'll know what to do and when to do it. Travel and education could be areas to explore in the future. Look at the big picture and refuse to get drawn into a dispute over details.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPES OF THE WEEK

Berry Good Smoothie

Serves 2
1 cup fresh strawberries, hulled & halved
1 medium banana, cut into large pieces
1 cup fresh orange juice
(3 medium oranges)

In a food processor or blender, puree all ingredients. Cook's Tip: If your food processor or blender can crush ice, add 1/2 to 2 cups ice to make a sherbet-like dessert.

Frozen Fruit Slush

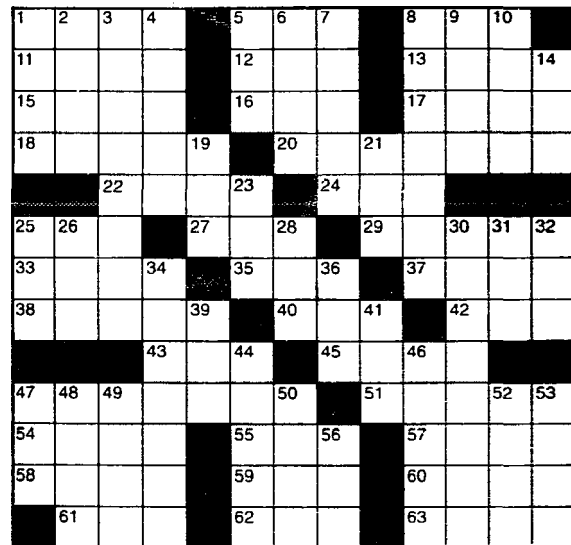
Serves 6
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup frozen limeade
1/2 16 oz. bag unsweetened frozen mixed-fruit (slightly thawed)
1 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. sugar
12 ice cubes (about 2 cups)

Put half of each ingredient in a blender and process until smooth. Pour into three 1/3 cup molds. Repeat with remaining ingredients. Freeze until firm, about 4 hours.



HOME NEEDED - These male and female Dachshunds are about 3 years old. They are spayed & neutered and seem to be housebroken. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117. Dog walk-a-thon September 5th. To collect pledges and/or walk or to make pledge call 348-4117. Walkers receive a commemorative T-shirt.

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- Singer-composer Paul
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- Brings into harmony
- Jeweler's measure
- Howls
- Hug-meister Buscaglia
- Yen
- Nucleus
- Tarzan portrayer Ron
- Radar's favorite drink
- Piece of turf
- Gridiron gp.
- First place

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- Places
- P.D.Q. in a memo
- Johnny Carson's home, once
- Famed automotive flop
- Pitcher
- "I." in *The King and I*
- Kipling's "The Man Who _____ Be King"
- Extremely
- Pork fat
- Absecon
- Headed
- Have supper
- Hawaiian souvenir
- Promissory note
- Bring up the rear
- Hostelry
- Rental home: abbr.
- Made known
- Top gun
- Actor Haggerty
- Awakened
- Small battery size
- First name in horror films
- Sort
- Paul's "Mad About You" costar
- Singer Frankie
- Alphabet start
- New Mexican Indian
- Novice
- Egotist's preoccupation
- Charley horse
- Like touchy people's skin
- Popeye's Olive

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



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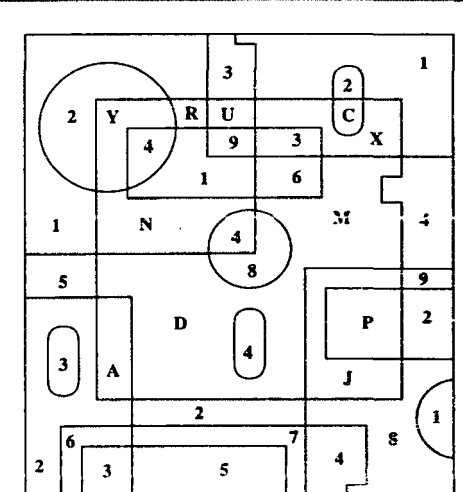
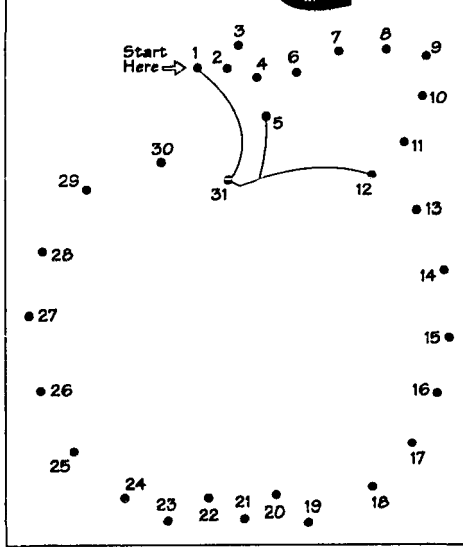
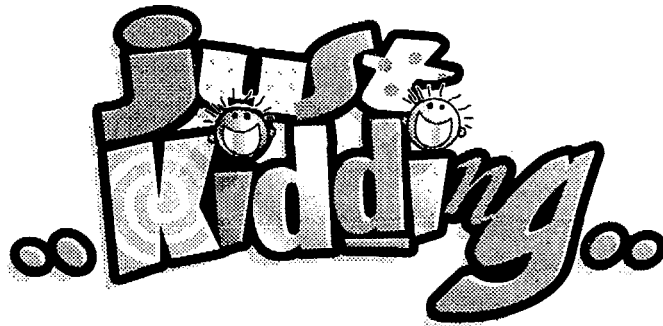
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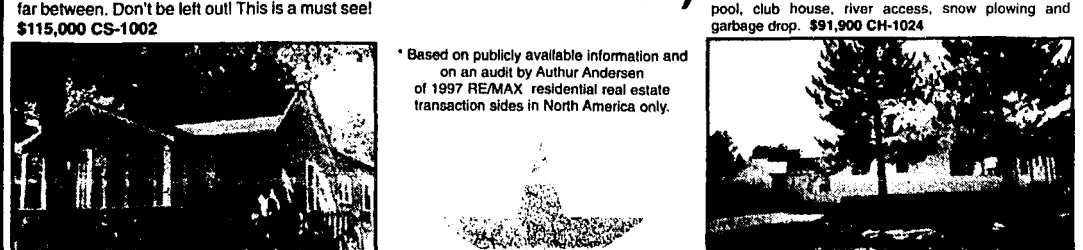
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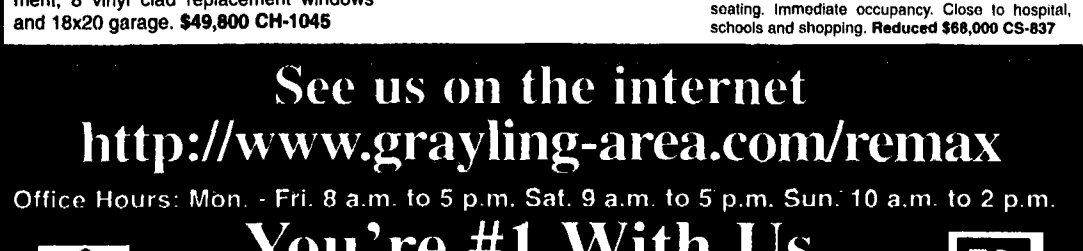
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THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, DNR-Hartwick Pines State Park is accepting bids for sale of the residence at 4202 Ranger Road, Grayling, MI 49738. This home must be removed from state property. For a bid package, please contact Hartwick Pines at (517) 348-7068. The bids must be received by 5 p.m. on September 21, 1999. (-2-9/1)

CABIN/MOBILE HOME and four lots with lake access and partial ownership of dock. On Lake Margrethe, Eagle Point. \$44,500 (517) 626-6296 (-26-2/1)

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP AREA New log cabin on four large lots. Three bedrooms, two baths, country porch, 5" well, septic system, semi-finished walking distance to two trout streams. Good hunting and snowmobiling. \$92,500 (517) 826-5108 (9/2/99/1)

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AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES A planned associate development. Spec log home and building sites. Near state land and AuSable River by owner. (517) 348-7355 (9/2/99/1)

2. For Rent


HOUSE FOR LEASE In Kalkaska County, 15688 M-72 West. Grayling, Michigan. Partial furnished with three bay garage and workshop. Two bedroom plus on 2.5 acres, no pets. Applications taken at site September 10, 11, 12, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. \$375 month, plus security. For info, call 517-389-4626 or P.O. Box 216, St. Helen, MI 48656 (-2-9-16/2)

MAXI STORAGE 80 ft x 24 ft five bay building with 12 ft x 10 ft overhead doors with electric. Rent all or will divide. 3464 North Down River Rd. (517) 348-4486 (LR9/23/99/2)


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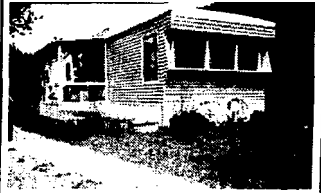
10 ACRE LOT with large mobile home. Includes 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and located close to the AuSable River. **\$36,900 (DL-1349)**




CUSTOM & SECLUDED home with 2+ acres. Includes vaulted ceiling, finished basement, wood stove and much more. Must See! **\$162,000 (JWMW-1348)**



"UP NORTH" GET AWAY - 3 bedroom, 1 bath bunk house with full log cabin features, vaulted ceiling and two story split stone fireplace. Great views of the lake. **\$72,000 (BSO/KM-1350)**



PERFECT STARTER or retirement home is what this well cared for mobile offers. Two bedrooms, 1 bath, new hotwater heater, new vinyl siding, roof and doors in 1992, many built in hatches, buffet and dressers. Sits on Hwy 612. **\$22,000 (DM-1329)**



S. GRAYLING RD. 2 bedroom home on a nicely wooded lot. Half log siding, enclosed porch, 1 car garage. Located on a blacktop rd. near Higgins Lake & trails. **\$42,000 (KJ-1330)**




CHARMING 2 STORY HOME IN CITY. Features original woodwork & ornate staircase, window seat, 8' ceilings, 4th bedroom or den, formal dining room, partial basement, front porch and enclosed back porch, storage building, partial fenced yard. **\$77,500 (KM-1300)**



VERY WELL KEPT newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with screened in porch & hot tub. Close to S. Higgins Lake State Park. **\$107,000 (CS-1292)**



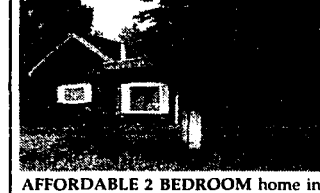
THIS LARGE 3 bedroom home is only 400 ft. away from public access on Lake Margrethe, also large garage with finished upstairs that could be used for apartment or office. Includes wood stove, stove refrigerator, washer & dryer. **\$109,000 (DL-1153)**




HOME ON 7.5 ACRES. Three bedroom home features two baths, vaulted ceilings, wood stove hearth, thermopane windows throughout, washer/dryer included, two story garage with plenty of storage, curbside trash removal, private road and nestled among an enchanted forest. Reduced **\$75,900 (KM-1320)**



CHARMING OLDER VICTORIAN HOME in the city offers 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large kitchen, 8.5 foot ceilings, original wood molding, basement, garage, new windows, new furnace, porch being refinished. **\$74,900 (JW/NW-1295)**



AFFORDABLE 2 BEDROOM home in the Village of Roscommon. This home would be perfect for a retirement home or for the first time home buyer. **\$22,900 (BSO-1303)**



EXCELLENT CONDITION. 2 bedroom mobile home. Features vaulted ceilings, newer berber carpet throughout, textured wallpaper, very clean! All appliances are included, mini satellite dish, garage, double insulated roof over, 2 car garage on 1.39 acres of hard woods. **\$39,900 (KM-1221)**

VACANT
Beautiful view of Guthrie Lake with a short walk to park & boat launch. **\$7,000 (JWMW-1225)**
Vacant Land close to Kneff & Wakeley Lake. Perfect site for building a home or cabin. **\$7,500 (RS-1337)**
14 Acres with highly wooded lot, excellent hunting property adjacent to state land. **\$20,900 (RS-1344)**
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March 21-April 20

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Taurus

April 21-May 21

Now is the time to put past hurts and resentments behind you. Stay focused on the future. You could be ready to advance professionally. Travel also could be on the horizon. Don't neglect chores around the house. Keep a close eye on budgets, finances.

Gemini

May 22-June 21

You get a breather from the hectic pace at work, home. Now is the perfect time to catch up on those little things. It's also an opportunity to renew old friendships—one could pay off handsomely. Hold on to your positive outlook. Keep health resolutions.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

Be cautious—play it safe. Now is not the time to be reckless or foolhardy. Take things slow for best results. An older person could be a valued adviser. Seek advice from others but be willing to follow your instincts.

Leo

July 23-August 23

Put your ideas down on paper and get important details and guarantees in writing. It could help settle a dispute in the future. Treat yourself to a special purchase or an evening out, but be careful not to overspend. Keep things in perspective and take time to laugh.

Virgo

August 24-September 22

Asking the right question could help solve a tough problem you've been facing. Look at things from a new angle. Your intuition is on target, so trust your hunches. Work to see situations and people as they are.

Libra

September 23-October 23

It's time to mend fences and patch up differences with friends or family. People close to you want to help if you will let them. Take time to get a true picture of events, people. Don't be fooled by what's on the surface. Dig deep to discover the real answers.

Scorpio

October 24-November 22

Focus on home and family matters. Get all the information possible before making an important decision. Hold off on luxury items or major purchases; you may be able to find a better deal. Wrap up loose ends before starting new projects.

Sagittarius

November 23-December 31

Your leadership skills are working overtime helping overcome personal and work challenges. Don't let finances or money concerns worry you—things will work out to your advantage. A person you consider a good friend may not be trustworthy.

Capricorn

December 22-January 20

Delay temporary pleasures and stick to the business at hand for best results. Pets and possessions take center stage. Your creativity is at a peak and artistic pursuits are highlighted. You get encouragement from friends or family members.

Aquarius

January 21-February 18

Now is the time for romance. Your interests attract other people, but remember domestic obligations. Things could get out of hand if set priorities are not kept. Paperwork proves challenging but profitable.

Pisces

February 19-March 20

Don't drop a complicated or long-term project. Stick with it a while longer. You'll know what to do and when to do it. Travel and education could be areas to explore in the future. Look at the big picture and refuse to get drawn into a dispute over details.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPES OF THE WEEK

Berry Good Smoothie

Serves 2

1 cup fresh strawberries, hulled & halved
1 medium banana, cut into large pieces
1 cup fresh orange juice (3 medium oranges)

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Frozen Fruit Slush

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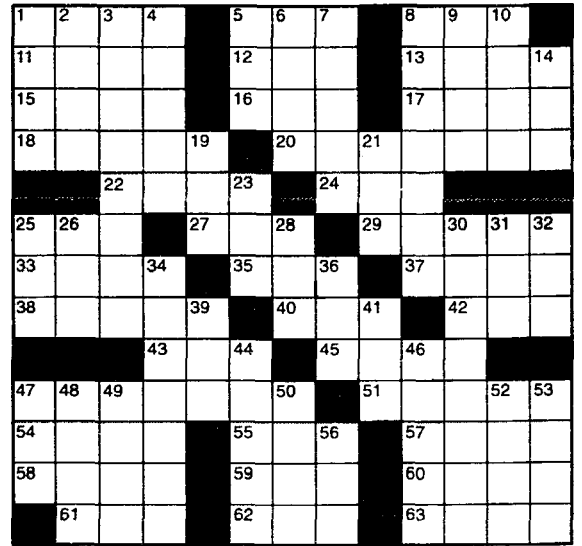
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1/2 16 oz. bag unsweetened frozen mixed-fruit (slightly thawed)
1 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. sugar
12 ice cubes (about 2 cups)

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- Moose, _____ Saskatchewan
- Kansas' London
- "Can't Get _____ To Losing You"
- One: Ital.
- Handwriting spot, perhaps
- Checks
- Oxlike antelope
- Enfranchised
- Bender
- Referred (to)
- Asian range
- Dolores _____ Rio
- Lily: Fr.
- "I've Hitched My Wagon _____ Star" (2 wds.)
- Homer epic
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- Where some work out: abbr.
- Growl
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- Writing implement
- Admiring exclamation
- Nazimova of Hedda Gabler
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- Nucleus
- Tarzan portrayer Ron
- Radar's favorite drink
- Piece of turf
- Gridiron gp.
- First place

DOWN

- Places
- PDQ, in a memo
- Johnny Carson's home, once
- Famed automotive flop
- Pitcher
- "I," in *The King and I*
- Kipling's "The Man Who _____ Be King"
- Extremely
- Pork fat
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- Made known
- Top gun
- Actor Haggerty
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- Small battery size
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- Paul's "Mad About You" costar
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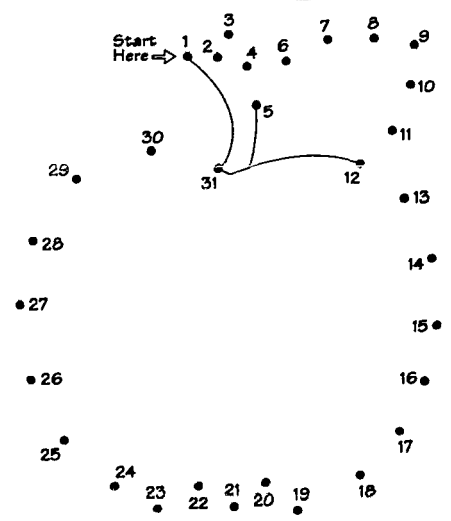
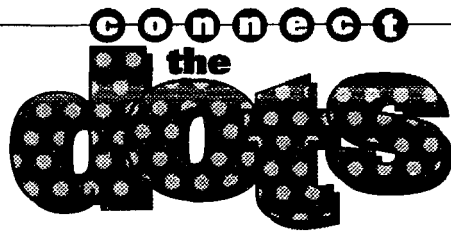
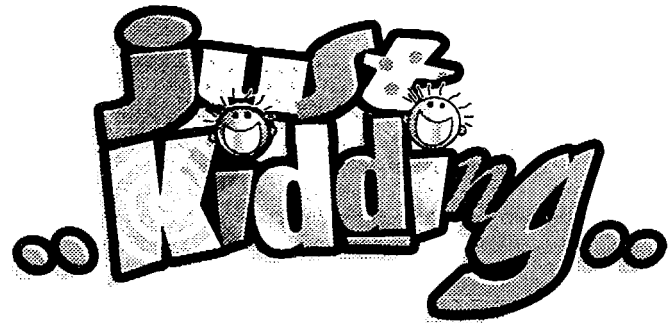
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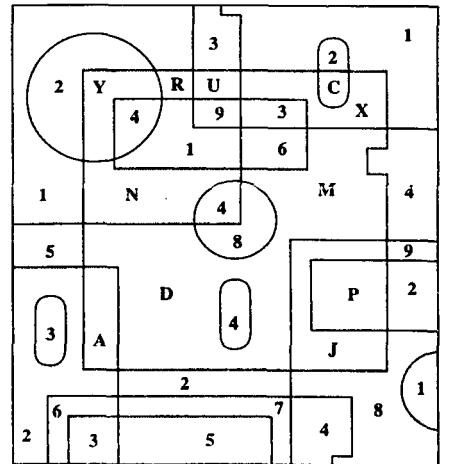
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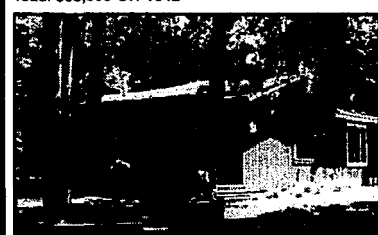
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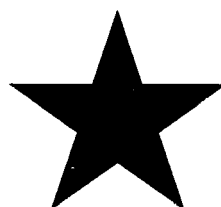
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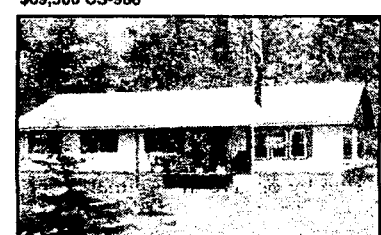
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SECLUDED 10 ACRES. Beautiful rolling hardwoods makes for ideal year round setting. Immaculate 1991 mobile with expando. Stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer and some furnishings. 14'x20' living room, vaulted ceilings, 1,100 sq. ft., (2) 12'x14' bedrooms. Call today! **\$45,000 CH-947**



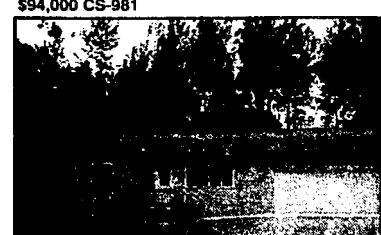
VERY WELL MAINTAINED DUTCH MODULAR. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on large 2.37 acre lot. Complete with refrigerator, stove and dishwasher. Both front and rear decks for easy access. Ceamed ceilings throughout. Detached 2 car garage, plus extra 8x12 storage shed. Reduced **\$69,500 CS-988**



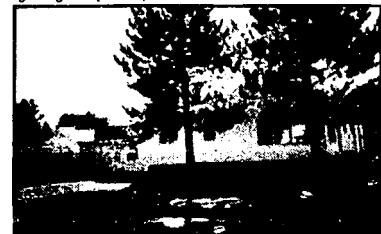
BEAUTIFUL WOODED 2 1/2 ACRES ONLY 1/2 MILE FROM GRAYLING CITY LIMITS. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,296 sq. ft. Features include 15x21 guest house, 28x28 heated garage, 14x18 1 1/2 story barn, 2 covered decks, Central A/C, furnace is 2 yrs. old, snow roof and shuffle board court. **\$63,900 CH-1003**



TRANQUIL CHALET NESTLED on 20.40 acres. This 2 bed 2 bath is cozy amongst Red and White pines and a mixture of hardwoods. With its half basement there is more than ample storage space as well as plenty of room to play. Set back in this secluded setting for extra privacy. It's the perfect home for a family or a relaxing weekend. **\$54,000 CS-981**



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1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

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2. For Rent

HOUSE FOR LEASE In Kalkaska County, 15688 M-72 West, Grayling, Michigan. Partial furnished with three bay garage and workshop. Two bedroom plus on 2.5 acres, no pets. Applications taken at site September 10, 11, 12, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. \$375 month, plus security. For info, call 517-389-4626 or P.O. Box 216, St. Helen, MI 48656 (-2-9-16/2)

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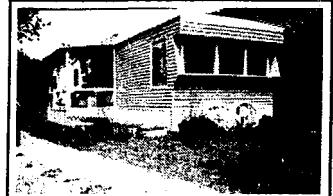
10 ACRE LOT with large mobile home. Includes 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and located close to the AuSable River. **\$36,900 (DL-1349)**



CUSTOM & SECLUDED home with 2+ acres. Includes vaulted ceiling, finished basement, wood stove and much more. Must See! **\$162,000 (JWMW-1348)**



"UP NORTH" GET AWAY - 3 bedroom, 1 bath bunk house with full log cabin features, vaulted ceiling and two story split stone fireplace. Great views of the lake. **\$72,000 (BSO/KM-1350)**



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S. GRAYLING RD. 2 bedroom home on a nicely wooded lot. Half log siding, enclosed porch, 1 car garage. Located on a blacktop rd. near Higgins Lake & trails. **\$42,000 (KJ-1330)**



CHARMING 2 STORY HOME IN CITY. Features original woodwork & ornate staircase, window seat, 8' ceilings, 4th bedroom or den, formal dining room, partial basement, front porch and enclosed back porch, stone building, partial fenced yard. **\$77,500 (KM-1300)**



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THIS LARGE 3 bedroom home is only 400 ft. away from public access on Lake Margrethe, also large garage with finished upstairs that could be used for apartment or office. Includes wood stove, stove refrigerator, washer & dryer. **\$109,000 (DL-1153)**



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CHARMING OLDER VICTORIAN HOME in the city offers 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large kitchen, 8.5 foot ceilings, original wood molding, basement, garage, new windows, new furnace, porch being refinished. **\$74,900 (JW/MW-1295)**



AFFORDABLE 2 BEDROOM home in the Village of Roscommon. This home would be perfect for a retirement home or for the first time home buyer. **\$22,900 (BSO-1303)**



EXCELLENT CONDITION. 2 bedroom mobile home. Features vaulted ceilings, newer berber carpet throughout, textured wallpaper, very clean! All appliances are included, mini satellite dish, gazebo, double insulated roof over, 2 car garage on 1.39 acres of hard woods. **\$39,900 (KM-1221)**

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Beautiful view of Guthrie Lake with a short walk to park & boat launch. **\$7,000 (JWMW-1225)**

Vacant Land close to Kneff & Wakeley Lake. Perfect site for building a home or cabin. **\$7,500 (RS-1337)**

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1. Real Estate



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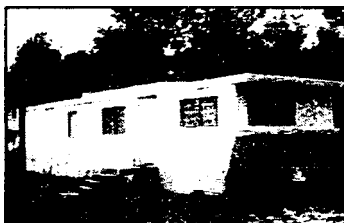
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Connie Winans



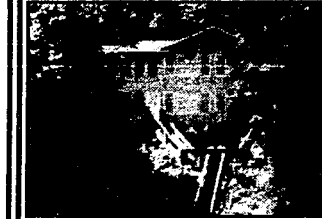
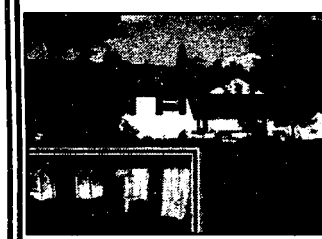
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1. Real Estate



Rhonda Smith
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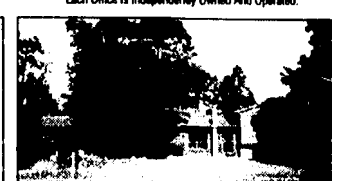


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FOR SALE Girls clothes, infant, 2T, by piece or all. (517) 348-5718 (9/2/99tf/5)

1976 ALUMINUM PONTON 20' New deck, carpet and top. New steering with trailer. \$3,600 Call (517) 348-1805 (-26-2/5)

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6. Wanted

WANTED PRE 1978 Bear Archery bows, equipment, catalogs, brochures, etc. Call Pete Kocenas (517) 348-8627. (8/12/99tf/6)

WANTED OWNER OF FOUND Tiger kitten, about 8-12 weeks old. Off Wilcox Bridge Road, just past bridge on left side of swamp. Please call (517) 348-2123. (-2/6)

NEED RUBBER STAMPS? Call or stop by the Crawford County Avalanche at 102 Michigan Ave., Grayling. (517) 348-6811

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON LISTED IN INDIVIDUAL AD: 1-800-424-1457/517-348-4383 OR

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7. Miscellaneous

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LOST Have you seen Bow? Small, dark gray and white male dog. Last seen at Abundant Life Church in town 8/18/99. Needs special food and daily medication. Reward. Call (517) 348-6327. (517) 348-4124 or Grayling Vet (517) 348-8622. (-2/7)

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FORMER GRAYLING RESIDENT has written ISBN 0-968278 15-0-9 Jerky My Way A recipe book containing 125 Jerky recipes for alligator, beef, buffalo, fish, hot dog, pork, poultry, seafood, venison, wild game. Price \$20 plus \$3.95 shipping and handling. Ernest J. Forbes, 1013 Fair Avenue, Cassville, MO 65625. (417) 847-5414 (-2-9/7)

REWARD Lost cat, white with black markings, last seen North Higgins Lake, August 21, female named Cougar. (810) 751-6252 (-26-2/7)

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8. Announcements

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Craft Show October 2 at American Legion Auxiliary Hall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (-2-9-16-23/8)

CRAWFORD AUSABLE DAY CARE Center now accepting applications for children in their Fall Program, ages 1-5 years of age. Also there are a few openings in the Preschool Educational Program beginning September 7th. (-26-2/8)

GRAYLING ADVENTIST SCHOOL has enrollment openings in grades 1-8. School starts August 23. (517) 348-6760 or (517) 785-2609 (-12-19-26-2/8)

ESTATE SALE SERVICE Offered by Heirloom Antique Mall, 100 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 (517) 348-2482 Buying quality antiques, Sandy and Dan Pandygraft John 3:16 and 17 (-2/8)

TAP DANCING LESSONS will be offered at the CRAF Center in Roscommon beginning Wednesday, September 22. No experience is necessary. K-3rd grade will meet 3:30-4:00; 4th grade and up 4:00-4:30; adults 4:30-5:00. The cost is \$5 per lesson. Registration will be taken by Judy at 517-348-8933 evenings and weekends, or at the CRAF Center 517-275-4975 weekdays. (-2-9/8)

ANYONE WITH INFORMATION REGARDING PROBLEMS OR INCIDENTS AT KNEFF LAKE PARK LAST SUMMER, PLEASE CALL 348-0153.

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8. Announcements

FREE FILL DIRT come and get it! Call (517) 348-3954. (-2/8)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT is Steak Night at The Sawmill from 4-9 for \$4.99. (5/27/99tf/8)

MR. HAND will be playing at the Sawmill, Fri.-Sat.-Sun., 9-1. (-2/8)

COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S Friday night fish fry. Serving from 4 - 10 p.m. All you can eat just \$6.95. Kids portion also available. (7/30/98tf/8)

9. Personals

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8. Announcements

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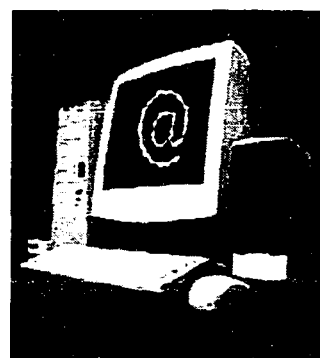


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10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Sept. 3 and 4, 9-3 p.m. 3755 Wintergreen Lane off Wilcox Bridge Rd. (-2/10)

YARD SALE 710 Park St. New and used sporting and miscellaneous. Fri., Sat., and Sun., 9 a.m. - 6. (-2/10)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 10-4. Beanie Baby collection, children's clothes, miscellaneous items. 777 Little John, take 72 West to Ole Dam Rd., follow signs. (-2/10)

GARAGE SALE 2215 Danish Landing Rd., Sat and Sunday, 9-4. (-2/10)

THREE FAMILY GARAGE SALE Queen sofa bed, desk, dog kennel, cook stove, clothes, lawns mowers, TV's, hunting clothes, miscellaneous, snowmobiles, too many items to mention. 72 East to Wakeley Bridge, turn left, first curve turn left on Ginger Quill Rd., follow signs to 4148 Szajner Rd. 9-5, Fri., and Sat., Sept. 3rd and 4th. (-2/10)

GARAGE SALE Sept. 2, 3, 4 and 6, 10-5. Too much stuff to mention. 6216 Trillium Terrace, off Evergreen, watch for signs. (-2/10)

FOR SALE Girls clothes, infant, 2T, by piece or all. (517) 348-5718 (9/2/99tf/10)

SAT. ONLY 9/4/99 9-5. M-72 West to Danish Landing Rd., follow signs. Arctic Cat EXT, Gas log with remote glass/brass door, Cardio fit exercise equipment, shower doors, clothing and much more. Don't miss this one. (-2/10)

GARAGE SALE Friday and Saturday, 10-5, 307 Redwing Terrace. (-2/10)

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Everything priced to sell. We have something for everyone. Tools, gadgets, usable housewares, quality clothing, women's size 12-16, men's size large, some youth sizes. Computer games, books and crafts. Monday, September 6th, 8 a.m., until everything is gone. 1006 Ogemaw. Please no early sales. (-2/10)

HUGE GARAGE and Yard Sale. Sept. 3rd, 4th, and 5th. 9 a.m. to ? Old 27 North to Airport Road (blinking light), turn left and follow signs to corner Suzanne and Glenwood Court. (-2/10)

GARAGE SALE Moved into smaller house and some thing just have to go. Furniture, compound bow, toys, lawn mower, snow blower, small children's clothes and small ladies clothes, humidifier and much more. Something of everything, all in clean and good condition. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Go one mile east of Grayling on M-72 to Clear Water Trail, second house on right. (-2/10)

GARAGE SALE September 3rd, 4th and 5th, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. 4593 Orbit Dr. Miscellaneous clothes, furniture, one gas stove, one electric stove. (-2/10)

FOUR FAMILY GARAGE SALE Sept., 4 and 5, 9-5. 7418 North Sherman off County Road 612. (-2/10)

SATURDAY, Sept. 4, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. M-72 West to Danish Landing Road, follow green and white signs. Grandpa's and Grandma's stuff, old and new, wood stove, washer, oven, golf, fishing and camping equipment, Remington pump 12 ga. kitchen wood stove, sofa bed, vacuum cleaners, hand tools, complete set of dishes plus extra pieces, rock polishing equipment, storm windows, toasters, x country skis, patio furniture, misc. household items, carpeting remnants. (-2/10)

YARD SALE September 3, 4, 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Regimental Way off McIntyre Landing, follow signs. (-2/10)

FRI. 3RD, SAT. 4TH. 9-5. 2218 Danish Landing Rd. Two section sofa, service for eight, Bavarian China, etc. (-2/10)

10. Garage Sales

LARGE GARAGE SALE September 2-3-4, 9-5. Six miles east of 75 on North Down River Rd., just past Stephan Bridge Rd., Grayling. Kids clothes, toys, books, ceramic, bedding, Beanie Babies, old Tonka trucks, lots miscellaneous items. (-2/10)

FALL YARD SALE September 3, 4, 5. Riding mowers, trailers, truck camper top, 18 ft. cabin cruiser with 75 H.P. motor and trailer, 50 H.P. motor, bunk bed and mattress \$75, snow blowers. Western snow plow, snow mobile, some running and some for parts. 9324 E. N. Down River Rd. 517-348-4328 (-2/9/10)

THREE FAMILY GARAGE SALE Sept., 3 and 4, Fri., and Sat., 10-4. Baby/kids clothes, toys, baskets, books, household items. 700 Ogemaw St. (-2/10)

ANTIQUE GLASS AND GARAGE SALE 1350 W. Federal Hwy., Roscommon, Fri., Sat., Sun., Sept. 3, 4, 5. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. One mile east of I-75 Exit 244. (-2/2/10)

TWO FAMILY SALE Rain or shine. From Grayling, M-72 West to West Bear Lake Road to 11526 Hillcrest, September 3 and September 4. (-2/10)

FIVE FAMILIES Take 72 East to Stephan Bridge Rd. and turn right, go two miles to Rustic Lane and turn right. First house on left, every thing must go. Thurs., Fri., Sat., 9-5. Rain or shine. Martin bow with arrows and two cases, kids clothes, bikes, 1997 Dutchman 24 ft. camper loaded and ready to go. Nintendo games, books and lots, lots of miscellaneous. (-2/10)

FOUR FAMILY GARAGE SALE Friday Only, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 213 Mikado Street. Baby crib, lamps, exterior doors for manufactured homes, patio door blinds, shoes, coats, household miscellaneous, furniture, exercise equipment, Home Interiors, much more (-2/10)

SEPT. 3, 4 AND 6. 1934 West Nighthawk Lane. Bear bow and arrow, walkie talkies, Lapidary/equipment and so forth. (-2/10)

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, Sept. 5 and 6, from 9-? Household items. 6081 E. Higgins Lake Drive. (-2/10)

10. Garage Sales

LARGE THREE FAMILY Garage Sale. Oak entertainment center, wood dining room table and chairs, household and garage items, some collectibles, clean, no clothes. 4936 Dawn Dr. (off Roberts Rd.) Sept. 3 and 4, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sat. 1-4 half price. (-2/10)

HUGE YARD SALE Saturday only 9-4-99, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Something for everyone. Parking lot of Milltown Carpet West M-72, across from Aunt Bettys Restaurant. (-2/10)

MULTI FAMILY SALE Toys, clothes, furniture, tools. Open Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon. 9:00-3:30 2849 W. M-72, two miles from light. (-2/10)

GARAGE SALE Old piano, trampoline, many household items, boys clothes 29-34, nice women's work clothes. Sat., 9-5; Sun., 9-1. 351 Red Tailed Hawk Loop. (-2/10)

FRI., AND SAT., SEPT. 3 and 4. 9-5. 6978 North Branch Drive, Lovells. Antique black walnut blanket chest, wooden toboggan and other items. Cast iron Franklin fireplace, Avon collectibles, many household and miscellaneous items. (-2/10)

FOUR FAMILY GARAGE SALE September 4th and September 5th, 9-3. Take Danish Landing Road to West Wind Blvd., first house on lake. (-2/10)

BEANIE BABY SALE Beanies (currents and retired's), Buddy's, BBOC trading cards, raffle and grab bag. 357 Red Tailed Hawk Loop off Wilcox Bridge Road. Sept. 3, Friday, 9-5, Sept. 4, Sat., 9-12. Come check it out! Hoping to have the new Birthday Bear. (-2/10)

GARAGE SALE 844 Robinhood Lane in Sherwood Forest, Sat., Sept. 4th, 9-5. Boys bikes, jackets, men, women, boy and baby girl clothes, shoes, household things and lots of toys. (-2/10)

THUNDER WING BARN SALE 2351 N. Manistee River Road, Sat., Sept. 4 only. 9-5. Furniture, hand knit sweaters, clothing, household items, miscellaneous items. (-2/10)

GARAGE SALE Second Annual Multi Family, 200 Fulton, Fri., 9-4 p.m. Sat., 8-2 p.m., Mon. 9-12 p.m. (-2/10)

YARD SALE Saturday, September 4, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Skis, boots, poles, dishes, furniture, Pooh crib set, boy toddler clothes and more. One day only! 301 Red Tailed Hawk Loop, Grayling. (-2/10)

YARD SALE Sat., and Sun., 4th and 5th, 9-4. 5.5 boat motor, 1,000 watt generator, 8" gas auger, 13" Delta 2 sp. scroll saw, misc items. 15659 Riverview Rd., take 72 West to Total Station, go south 1/2 mile. (-2/10)

FRI., SAT., MON. Jones Lake Multi Family. Toys, clothes, power wheels, glassware, something for all. (-2/10)

10. Garage Sales

PORCH AND YARD SALE at 707 Park St., Sept. 4th and 5th. Coats, shirts, jeans, kids clothes and miscellaneous. (-2/10)

MOVING SALE SATURDAY ONLY 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Everything goes, household collectibles, fishing equipment, xmas, rollaway bed, clothes, 2204 Viking Way, behind Grayling Township Hall. (-2/10)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 114 Vilas Street. Something For Everyone. (-2/10)

FRI., AND SAT., 9 - 5. Crafts, car top carrier, truck topper, Super Nintendo and miscellaneous. Eight miles on West M-72, 1/4 mile north on Goose Creek Rd. (-2/10)

GARAGE SALE, MOVING SALE Tools, fishing, hunting, Basket Harley, tattoo equipment, house stuff, clothes, women, men's, don't miss this one. Sept. 3, 4, 5, 4712 Old 27, Frederic. (-2/10)

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11. Automotive

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Better Lay In A Five Year Supply of Beef Jerky

Dear Mr. Ross: Just this morning I prayed that the Lord would help me get some extra cash and then I found your column. You see, with this Y2K crisis coming up so fast, I'm very concerned about our children and grandchildren who are scattered from California to Idaho and from Oklahoma to Alabama. Each of them is living from one paycheck to the next.

My husband and I are only on Social Security, but we have always tried to stay out of debt. We have built a large house, debt-free, so now we have invited each of our kids to sell anything they can, get out of debt, and come to live with us through this time of crisis. That is 25 people, but we will manage, even if all of them come.

We have tried to get some emergency food on hand, but do not have nearly enough to handle meals for the estimated period of trouble-1 to 5 years. We have checked with several companies that are selling dehydrated foods.

They estimate \$1,500 per person, per year. I'd like to order \$5,000 worth of dry foods and by trusting in God's power to bless the "loaves and fishes" I believe we can make it. Please, any help you can give. There just isn't much time to get these items before Y2K strikes.

Mrs. J. L. ... Thrifty Nickel, Birmingham, AL

Dear Mrs. L.: A person would have to be living with his head in the sand to not realize Y2K will yield some problems. But I do not believe the problems that may arise will cut off the world's food supply. But then you didn't ask me for my opinion.

However, you did ask me for \$5,000 to purchase dehydrated food and by now you can probably guess I'm turning you down. I'm not saying problems won't happen at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2000. It's just that I feel better investing in the here and now, rather than in something that may or may not happen 5 months from now.

Dear Percy Ross: My life has always lacked in one thing or another. My father was an abusive alcoholic who took to beating us regularly on Friday nights. I married at age 17 only to find I was in a relationship that lacked love. Again, I became a punching bag for someone else's inadequacies. With 3 children by age 24, I divorced and got a job in housekeeping, and then as a nursing assistant.

My life was still lacking, namely in skills good enough to make a decent living for my kids. By age 30 I was working as an LPN. My self-esteem was improved, my kids seemed relatively happy and then the bottom fell out. My ex-husband reappeared on the scene squawking about visitation rights, my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, my 13 year old son started running with the wrong crowd and my rented house darn near burned to the ground. I'm tired, confused, angry and at times feel like giving up. Then I remind myself just how bad others have it-I know from reading your column there are many others worse off.

So why am I dumping all my problems on you? One reason and one alone. You can help me, unlike any other person. We lost so much in the fire and without insurance, nothing will be replaced. We've received a few donations, but people are starting to avoid me for fear I'll ask them for help. I'm sincere when I say anything you can send would be an immense help.

Ms. H. C. ... The Courier, Coffeeville, MS

Dear Ms. C.: I've often wondered if it's poor choices in life or just plain rotten luck that leads an individual down an endless path of tragedy. What do you think? And would you think that your life's karma was changing if I sent you \$2,500 to begin replacing that which you have lost?

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